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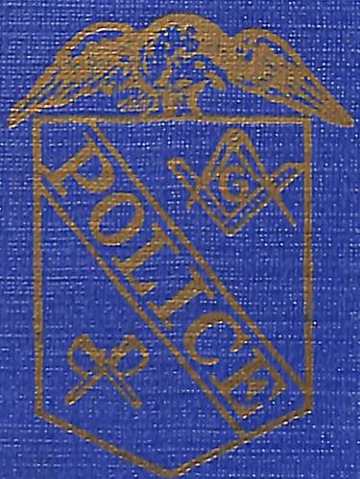

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# President's Message

You probably realize that Fraternalism is my compelling motive. "Fraternity in action" is the most important part or function of any Fraternal organization.

Not long ago it was called to my attention that during the recent war nothing was too much to do for the men and women in the armed forces of our great Nation. But now that the war is over and flags are not being waved these same men and women are forgotten. Particularly the large number who are being cared for in our Veterans Administration Hospitals and Homes.

Let us as individuals and as a great fraternal Club preach and practice fraternalism. Let us extend our influence by inviting our friends to become members of our fine organization.

It is generally recognized that the world MUST find a way to establish permanent peace if civilization is to survive.

Let us then give thanks for all that we have---and not forget to pray that His will may be done among all peoples and that love and fraternity may rule throughout the world.

Yours for an active, unselfish working Fraternal Club.

Fraternally,

CECIL E. LEWIS,
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# Secretary's Message

At this season of the year all minds turn to the story of Bethlehem. It matters not whether one subscribes to the Christian religion, the indisputable fact stands out that the story of the birth of Jesus is the only one in all literature that carries with it the lesson of love and brotherhood and peace.

It matters not in our great America whether all of us are in agreement. One sublime fact stands out above all differences that may exist and that is the lesson of love that He taught—the call to all men for world peace.

Let us study again the Mosaic law and then the words of the Savior. We will see if we do, the fulfillment of the law in His simple words, "love thy neighbor". "Good will" is the motive; God's law is the way. His promise of peace CAN be attained when all men seek His help.

Let the Christmas season then be a season of prayer. Let all the world go to Him for help, and then—only then —may we hope for peace and unity. Only when we understand brotherhood may we hope to go to the Father. In your Club with its fine fraternal spirit the way is open for all to approach Him. Let us use this force for good. Let us pray for the realization of the angels song of "Peace on earth".

May each of you enjoy a full Christmas and may the New Year bring you prosperity—with peace.

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Never could he turn a hand about the house, even to fetch his own clean clothing, or his tobacco from the cupboard.

When Jim went calling on friends, or spent a few hours chatting at the local pub, Emily would cheerfully sit at home by the fire and read, with never a word of complaint. Jim was often uneasy at leaving her alone, for the neighborhood had been upset at infrequent periods during the past two years by a thief who broke into homes and carried off cherished possessions.

Even the Clarks had been robbed once, after which Jim had put new locks throughout the house.

Sometimes she would venture into the pub with him, but only for a short while. After one glass, she always left for home, urging Jim to stay on.

One morning, a few weeks ago, a neighbor, Mrs. Hawkins, dropped in on Emily for a chat. The tea had just been poured, when a peddler's knock at the door caused Emily to leave her guest alone in the kitchen.

Looking for sugar, Mrs. Hawkins opened a cupboard door, then stepped back in surprise.

When Emily returned, Mrs. Hawkins made a quick farewell and went straight to the police station.

"I might be mistaken," she stammered to the constable, "but it looked exactly like the pitcher that was stolen from my sister-in-law just last week."

It was no mistake, as police learned when they searched the closets and cupboards in the Clark house. While Emily sat placidly knitting in the parlor, the constables found not only the pitcher, but sterling silver, gleaming candelabra, fancy dishes and all the other valuables stolen from the villagers.

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Examination revealed that Jim Clark was innocent. But after questioning, the frail Emily confessed.

All those times she had stayed home to "read," she had actually been out burgling the neighborhood. Even her occasional visits to the pub had been to see which neighbors were away from home. Of course, the robbery of her own home had been pure camouflage.

Jim later told police that his wife's zeal in fetching things must have been to keep him out of the cupboards where she hid loot.

The judge gave the "perfect wife" three years in jail on 26 charges of house-breaking.

Perhaps an even more startling case of a perfect-wife-gone-wrong was that of Ethel Ellen Carty, 49-year-old wife of the Rev. W. G. Carty, Methodist minister in the little English town of Lostwithiel.

Mrs. Carty was described by her fellow townsfolk as "saintly". She was active during the war in helping take care of many homeless English children.

Toward the end of the war, several villagers noticed that bits of jewelry were missing from their homes. For four years the matter never caused much excitement, folks just imagined they'd misplaced the valuables, or lost them. But finally police decided to investigate, and it wasn't until everyone else had been cleared that they began to suspect Mrs. Carty.

They deliberately left some trinkets where she could take them, apparently unobserved, and Mrs. Carty fell into the trap. Lostwithiel was startled indeed to discover that its "perfect wife" was, instead, an "almost-perfect thief."

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# *Little Miss Valentine*

The cross pout grew deeper and the blue eyes filled with tears. Quickly the chubby, auburn-haired girl of six turned away from the front window. She had seen her mother coming up the sidewalk with "that man" again.

The small Kentucky coal-miner's daughter missed her own father intensely. He had died quite suddenly only a few months earlier.

Now she wondered why her mother had become so friendly with this stranger; why she invited him to their home; why she smiled at him and let her eyes shine when he was near?

When the unhappy child—who will only be identified here as Little Miss Valentine—heard the doorknob turn she ran away to sulk. She sulked even more when she learned that her mother had married the man and that he was her new stepfather.

Unexpected things started to happen in the life of Little Miss Valentine and her five brothers and sisters after that marriage.

The whole family moved from Kentucky to Cincinnati, but not to a very good home, because the new stepfather suffered from a war disability and another serious illness and couldn't work. When bills were more than Social Security and government compensation checks could pay, the mother took a job in a laundry and left the children home with her invalid husband.

There was no evidence that the man was unkind, yet the little girl who never could quite understand his place in her life complained:

"He picked on me all the time. He was meaner to me than to any of the others."

Four years went by and three more babies were born.

By the time Little Miss Valentine was 10, in 1947, the home she shared with eight other children had become a place where she pitted her wits against anyone who tried to "boss" her.

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When her repertoire of annoying tricks no longer amused her, she ran away. She was picked up and brought home. After that her misdeeds mounted from the kind that won scoldings to those that merited spankings; and then one day Little Miss Valentine got involved with the law.

She filched a neighbor's wallot which contained very little money but several valuable papers. She was taken into Juvenile Court.

No one suggested sending the young offender to a place of correction, but social workers persuaded her mother to give up the laundry job and devote herself to her children.

The stepfather went away for a while and everything seemed serene.

Soon after his return, however, the fourth-grade teacher reported that Little Miss Valentine had taken $5 from her handbag. There was another runaway episode. Then followed a theft of $15 from an oil station attendant.

All these offenses were straightened out quietly and there was another momentary lull.

Little Miss Valentine, who by this time had passed her 11th birthday, was on her way to the movies early in the evening of Sunday, August 22. As she walked along one of Cincinnati's busiest streets, she had a "wonderful" inspiration and sneaked out into the used car lot behind an automobile sales company office.

It wasn't much trouble to break a window pane. Just as Little Miss Valentine was crawling through the opening she saw her brother, eight, and her sister, four, watching her.

"Come on," she said. "You kids can help."

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Kid stuff, thought the master-minding Miss Valentine who was busy attacking a safe with a hammer and an old ax head. When the door still didn't yield, she spied an electric drill.

She plugged it into a socket and bent over her task—the cord was too short, so she hunted around until she found an extension and rigged it up in an expert manner.

Meanwhile, Motorcycle Patrolman Albert Thiele was approached by a man who said, "Come on—there's someone in a building up the street. My friends and I were in the auto lot when we heard a commotion inside."

When Officer Thiele unlocked the broken window and stepped in, he found three wide-eyed youngsters hiding behind a counter.

After that safe episode, it was natural that the girl should be called Little Miss Valentine, in memory of the reformed burglar in O. Henry's famous story, "Alias Jimmy Valentine."

Little Miss Valentine was quite frank in her telling of what had happened, and said somewhat sadly, "I don't know why I did it."

Social service workers connected with the Juvenile Court said that the child admits she hates the man who took her father's place.

"This resentment of her stepfather," they say, "has built up in the child an overwhelming desire to fight against authority. All of the things she has done are traceable to this."

The decision of the court was that Little Miss Valentine should be sent to the Bureau of Juvenile Research at Columbus, Ohio, where experts in behavior problems could study her case and recommend a place of correction where her jealous hatred can be overcome.

Many other children have found that a stepfather can be a confidant and pal. With the right kind of help Little Miss Valentine may learn that, too, and become as good an individual as the fictional Jimmy Valentine.

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# Socialite Policeman

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The boy's heart beat faster as he heard a uniformed policeman say:

"We'll have to take you in for questioning." Come along. One of our men will take care of your car.

That night when the boy got home to the sprawling St. Louis mansion in which he lived he was met by his anxious mother. She worried constantly when her son was out with his grandfather, the late Major Albert Bond Lambert, wealthy founder of the Lambert Pharmacal Co. The major had once been president of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners.

The boy told his mother about the man who had been arrested and said, "When I grow up I'm going to be a policeman."

His mother laughed and said, "That's fine. Now run along to bed."

Elliot Ludington Lambert went to bed, but it was a long time before he went to sleep. When he did, he dreamed of himself in a dark blue uniform, with a shiny badge, a pistol and a night-stick. As he grew older, he haunted the precinct station near his home and read every police book and magazine he could get his hands on.

He accompanied his grandfather and the police about the city late at night in their squad cars, while others in his social set were enjoying dinner parties, dances and the theatre.

At 22, a veteran of the war in the Pacific, the wealthy scion of the socially-prominent Lambert family hadn't changed his mind about the kind of job he wanted—he was going to be a policeman.

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Against the wishes of his entire family and scores of his friends, young Lambert joined the St. Louis Police Department as a probationary patrolman and within a few months was a regular member of the force.

His family talked to him about the hazards of the job, the long hours, the low pay, the discipline, the early-morning risings, the all-night work. Lambert listened—and still wanted to be a cop.

"I concluded long ago," he said, "that I didn't want desk work. I didn't want to sell bonds or insurance. I didn't have the urge, as many of my friends did, to be a big business man, a lawyer or a doctor. I always wanted to be a policeman and nothing was going to stop me if I could help it. I like St. Louis, I like the people. I'm going to try to be a good police officer . I'll be working for promotions just like everyone else on the force."

The socialite policeman was educated like the sons of most leading families in the Social Register. He attended Haverford School, Haverford, Pa.; the exclusive Greenwich, Conn., Country Day School, and was graduated from Kent School, Kent, Conn.

The war interrupted his schooling and he enlisted in the army. He was assigned to the air force, worked his way up to sergeant and became a tail gunner on a B-29 that flew six missions over Japan.

When he was discharged from the service, Lambert spent an unhappy year at Williams College, taking an accelerated liberal arts course. The bug to be a policeman was still eating at him and the family was still opposing the move. He changed schools, entering the University of Virginia, but he didn't stay long. In December of 1947 he left school and returned to St. Louis.

Deaf to all family protests, he enrolled in the St. Louis Police School.

Lambert's friends were puzzled when they learned that he actually was heading for a career as a policeman.

"They thought it was funny for a while," he said, "but they were astonished when I told them the things we study in police school. There are six hours of class

CLINTON A. HEITMAN

Sergeant, Brookline Police Dept.

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work every day, on law, evidence, report writing, and other matters. Then there is either two hours in the gym or two hours at the pistol range.

"I qualified with the pistol. My score was 185 out of a possible 300 points. Many others in the class were much better—I don't want any gangster to think that St. Louis policemen are poor shots."

One of Lambert's close friends, Nancy Niedringhaus, a St. Louis debutante listed in the Social Register, said it's all right with her if Elliot wants to be a policeman.

About the time Patrolman Lambert's socially prominent friends are turning over in the beds of their summer homes for another "40 winks" after a night out, he is checking in for his shift on a downtown police beat.

At 6:15 in the morning he walks from the mansion of his grandmother, Mrs. Albert Bond Lambert, wearing his blue uniform and jaunty police cap. A .38-calibre pistol is slung from his Sam Browne belt. He rides to work free, on the street car, and he stops at an all-night diner for a cup of coffee before reporting for an eight to 10-hour hitch at keeping the peace.

Elliot Ludington Lambert's socialite friends may raise a superior eyebrow at the job he's picked for himself, but St. Louis is proud of its rich-boy cop.

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# Raised To Rob

The girl standing in front of the judge bore little resemblance to the drab prisoners usually in the dock. Pretty, neatly dressed, she looked more like a well-groomed stenographer than what she was—a housebreaker.

"Is this your first offense?" asked the judge. "Have you ever robbed before?"

Slowly she nodded her head. "Yes, I have," she said. "I've been stealing all my life."

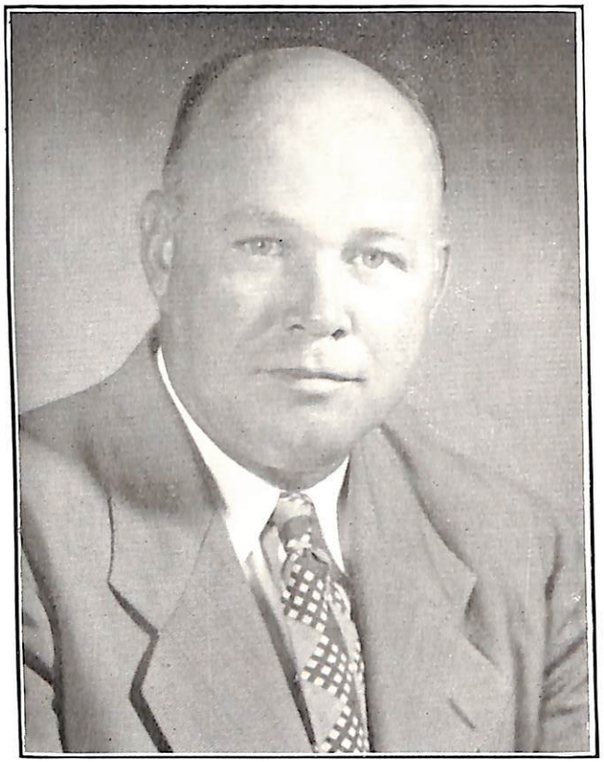
The judge looked startled. "But your parents—didn't they suspect that you were?"

"Suspect?" She smiled wryly. "My father taught me how. He made me do it. He gave me candy when I brought in a good haul—and beat me when I didn't."

The sordid story of 25-year-old Jane Hamilton's childhood and subsequent life was revealed only a few weeks ago when she was brought before the Winchester Quarter Sessions in England on a charge of breaking into two houses in Bournemouth and stealing clothing and other articles valued at $2,000.

Brought up in an atmosphere of crime and lawlessness from the moment of her birth—her father was a small-time crook who had served many prison sentences, according to Mr. Ingram Poole, her counsel—Jane knew nothing of the principles of citizenship and honesty that most children are taught. Instead, she learned that the law was something to evade and break, that fair play was a game for suckers. Her father started schooling her in the art of housebreaking and thievery when she was 11, emphasizing his teaching with a heavy leather strap.

In jail and out again—that seemed a normal life to Jane. Her father had been in jail when she was born. During the war, when she was a sergeant in the ATS, he was serving a five-year term of penal servitude. She herself was in jail when her own child—now 18 months old—was born. That she had been, otherwise, a good and conscientious mother was brought out in the testimony by Mr. Poole, even though at the same time she



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was carrying on her criminal life during the night hours when the child was sleeping.

"The burden of guilt is not so much with this young woman as with her father," said the judge. "However, in spite of the cause, she must pay for her crimes against society." Jane was sentenced to three years of penal servitude.

"I don't want my child brought up the way I was," Jane told the court after hearing her sentence. "I don't ever want to steal again—but if I don't, how can I provide for her? I don't know anything else."

Mr. Poole has promised to help her find a job when she gets out, but whether Jane can ever completely forget the training of her Fagin-father, only time can tell.

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# My Nine Months In The Death House

I spent nine months in a cell in the death house in Sing Sing Prison. I saw eight other men walk down our corridor to the electric chair.

I saw each of them, one time or another, stop outside my cell. They came to shake hands. I heard each of them give me the death house good-bye.

"Johnny," they said—and me under sentence of death—"I'll be seeing you," and they went on into the "dance hall."

They call the block of pre-execution chambers, where a condemned man spends his last hours, the dance hall. Sometimes you get the jumps there, waiting to walk through the green door to the room where the chair is.

It gave me the shivers when I heard those words, "I'll be seeing you." But I knew all they meant was "So long, guy," or "Good luck." I felt so bad for them—everybody does in the death house when one of you go—that I couldn't answer one of them. I just shook their hands.

I saw them go, one by one, and for a long time I was just as sure that I was going, too, when my turn came, as I am that I'm sitting here.

I was convicted, in 1947, of being in with the trigger man in a stick-up murder in a Brooklyn cafe. I didn't even know anything about it. I wasn't even near the place that night. But I got the chair—and you don't know what despair is until you hear the guard clang the door on you in the death house.

"This is it," I said to myself. "Everything is over." I didn't know then there was such a thing as an appeal. I'd never heard of a writ or a Court of Appeals order.

I just went dazed. For three months I was sick as a puppy. My mind was confused and my stomach was confused. Butterflies in your stomach, they call it.

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Then gradually I began to pay attention to the fellows around me. They can get 36 in the death house in a single row of cells, and you can hear up and down the corridor.

One night I heard a kind of moaning, and then some others joining in on the moaning, and I said, "What is this, everybody crying?"

Then I made out some words:

"Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home!"

They were singing a spiritual and you never heard anything like it. It wasn't swell music but it must have come out of their hearts. It was wonderful at first and then it got on my nerves, going on and on, and I wanted to yell, "Hey, you guys, pipe down!"

But I didn't. Nobody did. That was those fellows' way of praying, and I figured, "You guys got a right to pray, and I got a right to pray. You sing, and I'll say my rosary—and I did."

I found out later that about everybody prayed. When you get over being sick, and your mind stops being confused, you pull yourself out of the deepest despair anybody can imagine. You begin to hope, for one reason or another. In the death house, waiting for the chair, you even plan on what you're going to do when you get out, after you're pardoned, or after you're cleared in a new trial.

Danny Webster did that, that nice little guy. He was in the next cell to me once. You can talk to the fellow in the cell on either side of you, but you can't see them. You can even play cards with him through a slot in the cell wall. Danny and I played rummy, and talked a lot, and we both wanted to get into some business when we got out.

We never said anything about what we were in for. You never do, in the death house. Whatever Danny Webster did, he kept on hoping. He did until the last day, and then a guard said to him:

"What'll it be, Danny? Name your last meal."

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"Fried chicken with the fixings, celery and olives and cranberry sauce, a box of chocolates and a pack of cigarets.

When the guard brought the tray, Danny couldn't eat a mouthful. He sent it in to me, and I couldn't lift a fork.

He went to the dance hall, and everybody felt pretty bad. He'd been the gamest guy in the place. Then it came 10:30 at night, with the execution for 11. We heard the guard at the end of the corridor answer the phone and say, "Danny Webster . . . Reprieve . . ."

The whole corridor let loose. Danny had got a break! But the guard hurried back to us.

"You're mistaken!" he said. "Danny's got to go!"

No one said a word after that. You couldn't say anything when you knew Danny Webster was going.

That shook me, but I remembered what my mother told me the day they sent me to Sing Sing.

"St. Anthony won't let you down," she said, and she gave me a leaflet from St. Anthony's Guild. It was the Miraculous Responsory by St. Bonaventure. The words I liked best in it were:

"The hungry seas forego their prey;

"The prisoner's cruel chains give way."

Maybe I, a prisoner, had a chance. A trusty had me get the minutes of my case, and he told me I had a chance. My lawyer, Victor L. Anfuso, told me I surely did. He's a great worker for Italian-American boys, and I began to believe him. I began to live in hope.

I had a good father and mother, and two sisters and a brother. My home had been all right. I'd just got in with bad companions, and I'd been sent to reform school.

The trigger man in my case implicated me because he thought I had an alibi. He supposed I was in reform school the night he shot Leon Conlon, a Purple Heart veteran in the safe stickup.

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But I'd been released on parole and he didn't know it. I didn't have a reform school alibi. So when I was tried this trigger man took my side and testified I really wasn't in on the stickup at all. He'd just given my name because he thought I could clear myself and because he didn't know the last name of his own accomplice.

The jury recommended mercy (the trigger man got a life sentence) but the judge ignored the recommendation. He gave me the chair.

My father stood by me, and my mother went to church every day for me, and they came to see me every week in Sing Sing. They prayed and I prayed, and I kept thinking, "If I get out on appeal and get freed, I'm going to get into some mechanical work, and sometime have a little business for myself. This is only going to be a black dream, and I'll make something of myself!"

I was thinking like this one night at 11 o'clock when the head guard came to me cell with a telegram.

"I've got news for you, Johnny," he said.

I knew what it was. Somehow, I knew. I took the telegram and just sank down on the floor.

It was what I thought. My lawyer wired that my conviction had been reversed by the Court of Appeals. (The indictment later was dismissed and I was freed.)

Then I was the one to shake hands all around.

Now I'm going to make good. All I asked, daytimes and nighttimes, up the river, was a chance. I've got it. You'll never hear of me again with my head confused and my stomach all butterflies, behind prison bars.

ARCHIBALD MacLENNAN

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# Millionaire Cop

The two out-of-town businessmen were feeling happy as they sped through a downtown Boston street .They'd closed a deal with Cy Hyde, multimillionaire Bostonian, they were on their way home, and all was well, until—

The shrill sound of a police whistle cut the air. A policeman roared alongside on his motorcycle, waved them to the curb, and said:

"You're doing 50. Let's see your driver's license."

The driver reached for his license, looked into the policeman's face—and gasped with surprise.

"Haven't I seen you before?" he asked.

"Of course," said the policeman. "I'm Cy Hyde. Now, let's see that license . . ."

Cy Hyde it was—Bostonian by birth, many times a millionaire by inheritance and a cop—an honest, beat-pounding, $40-a-week cop—by choice, for 22 years.

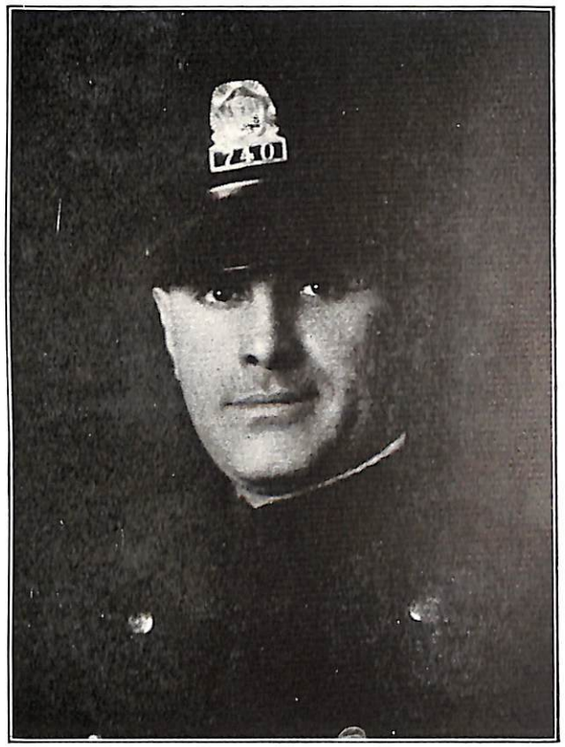
The two businessmen thought it was a joke, at first. But there was no nonsense about Cy Hyde when he was in uniform—and no nonsense, either, about the ticket he gave them that night.

It started when Cy Hyde was a small boy,

"I'm going to be a street car motorman, and a soldier —and a cop," he used to say. His elders would nod patiently, and forget it. Those were normal ambitions for any American boy, and he'd outgrow them, of course.

Wasn't he the only son of one of Boston's wealthiest families—a family which, at one time, owned most of what is now Hyde Park, large section of Boston; of Hyde Square, part of Jamacia Plain, Boston, and a brewing company?

Cy's mother was flabbergasted when the lad, who was born April 1, 1886, quit Boston English High School after his freshman year because he wanted to go on the stage.

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"Absolutely not," she said.

Well—the stage was out. But his mother was even more upset when, after he had waited a few years, he got a job as motorman with the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Co. and, later, with the Boston Elevated Railroad.

"When I said I wanted to be a motorman, I meant it," he explained. Furthermore, he was proud of his job, which he got all by himself, without the aid of his family. Few, if any, of his fellow workers knew he was heir to a $10,000,000 fortune.

In 1916, Cy served with the Fifth Massachusetts Regiment on the Mexican Border, and later, during World War I, he was with the 101st Infantry Regiment.

In 1919, when the war was over, Cy turned to the third of his ambitions. He took examinations for a job on the Boston police force—and he got it. He was a fine figure of a cop—better than six feet tall, broad and husky in proportion. He arrested the first jaywalkers to be given tickets in Boston—one of them was a bank president—and he made the tickets stick. He organized the 30-piece Boston police band, and he originated the parking ticket.

In 1940, after his mother died, he came into full possession of the $10,000,000 fortune—from which he had shared the income during her life. Cy's lawyers called him into conference, and said:

"Mr. Hyde, you're no longer a youngster"—he was 54 at the time, and a sergeant on the police force—"and you have heavy responsibilities now that you are in control of your fortune. You will have to resign from the police."

Cy protested.

"I'd rather be a good cop than anything else," he said. "I like the work. I don't see why money has to interfere with the things I want to do."

But his lawyers persisted, and Cy reluctantly resigned. Only then did most of his fellow cops learn, to their amazement, that Cy Hyde was a multimillionaire. It took

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them a while to get used to the idea. He'd always been known to them just as a good guy and a good cop. Once, at a masked ball, Boston society thought it was "amusing" when Cy Hyde appeared "disguised" as a policeman. Only a few knew the uniform was his own.

For a time Cy Hyde tried to confine himself to the affairs of his estate. But he couldn't stand inactivity, and on his 57th birthday, he purchased the Hotel Touraine, a 288-room landmark opposite Boston Common.

"I planked down $1,200,000 for it to have something to occupy myself with," he said. Characteristically, he hired several of his friends on the police force to run it for him.

One day an elderly woman slipped into his comfortably appointed office in the hotel. She was hungry, and without money. Would he give her a plate of Boston baked beans? He would. He took her to the main dining room, ordered her an ample serving of beans, and handed her a check for $100.

"You've earned this check," he told her. "You've given me an idea worth while."

The idea was simple:

"I bet," Hyde said, "there are plenty of folks who need a plate of beans. From now on, anyone coming into the hotel is welcome to a free plateful."

He established his famous grille room, with giant pots of free beans for anyone who asked for them.

He opened two camera stores, a roller skating rink, and, on one of his many trips to foreign lands, became interested in a new tridimensional camera he hopes to develop.

But at heart, Cy Hyde remained a cop. Whenever he could find a couple of free days he'd slip into uniform and go back on his beat.

In a recent interview with The American Weekly, he said:

"If they won't let me be a cop, maybe I can get back on the force as Police Commissioner. I'm trying to get the job."

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# Millions In The Sky

There was much wailing and gnashing of teeth recently when Joe Jeffers, "Prophet of Yahweh," was taken from his luxurious "temple" in Hollywood's swank Laurel Canyon to a federal prison as a parole violator.

In fact, the two deputy marshals who came to arrest Jeffers in his $65,000 mansion were forced to listen for two hours to the frenzied protestations of the cult leader's women disciples before they could take him into custody. For Joe Jeffers had promised them untold wealth, and certainly he could not produce it from behind bars. And if he returned to the fold he might very well be a changed personality—his fabulous $5,000,000,000 fortune on the constellation Orion lost to him, and them, forever.

Jeffers first came to public notice in 1935. Fresh from preaching in Texas and Arkansas, he burst upon the Los Angeles scene with a church he called Kingdom Temple. He was rabidly anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic.

He had gathered a numerous flock about him by 1939, when he and his second wife, Zella Joy Jeffers, were arrested in a morals charge.

More than 200 of his followers wept, laughed, prayed and waved their Bibles after a not-guilty verdict.

Then Zella sued for divorce, which was granted her in August, 1943. She told the court Jeffers considered himself "the messiah".

Jeffers went to Florida, where he announced plans to "establish a new Jerusalem". In 1945 he was sentenced to four years in the Atlanta penitentiary for stealing his ex-wife's auto. He served 17 months.

Back in Los Angeles, he adopted a third personality, the "Son of Yahweh, Ruler of the Universe."

Awaiting his arrival on the constellation Orion, he assured his new flock, was $5,000,000,000 as reward for his services on earth and received enough donations to acquire the 32-room Laurel Canyon mansion.

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Then he bought an 823-acre ranch near Palm Springs. He named it Yahweh Springs and planned buildings to protect his followers from an atom bomb assault.

Neighbors reported Jeffers and his flock paraded the grounds at night shouting for Yahweh to "rain down $500,000 upon them," and had him arrested for disturbing the peace.

Zella brought him into court for failure to pay alimony and he appeared before the judge with his present wife, Helene Viborg Jeffers, and $1.53. He said this was all the money he had.

As for the station wagon in use at Yahweh Springs and his own personal 1947 car, he said: "Yahweh has all the automobiles in the world. He can use them any time he wants.

"We have been in communication with Yahweh for years. In the back of my head is a two-way radio set I use to talk to him. It's two-way, you see ,'Yah' going out to Orion and 'Weh' coming back to me. We know everything President Truman does because Huey Long covers the White House for us."

With Jeffers in jail again, nine of his flock decided to bring civil action to recover more than $55,000 allegedly due them for the failure of Yahweh to reimburse them for donations to the cult.

Another cult which survives the years despite earthly obstacles is the "Great I Am" movement, founded by Guy W. Ballard in 1930 after a conference with an ethereal "St. Germain" on the slopes of Mount Shasta. I Am followers recently bought a palatial estate in Denver.

Ballard collected an estimated half-million converts and enough wealth to live like a king before his death in 1939. His wife, Edna, also known as "Joan of Arc," and his son, Donald, alias "Lafayette," carried on with St. Germain's 71 "decrees," which include the condemnation of hate, jealousy, irritation, tobacco and the use of onions.

But they didn't have Ballard's power—a mysterious force he called "K-17"—which had helped him, he once

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declared, destroy a fleet of enemy submarines bent on attacking the United States. Also, Donald shocked his congregation with a charge that his wife had breached St. Germain's main decree, that all I Am members remain chaste.

He countered his wife's divorce suit with the statement he had surprised her with a sweetheart.

Then 24 members of the cult, including the late Ballard, were charged with using the mails to defraud. The indictment was thrown out by the U. S. Supreme Court and Mrs. Ballard and her son continued with their "mission of immortality."

Arthur L. Bell of Sacramento, Calif., wasn't so lucky. In 1934 he named himself the messiah of a movement called Mankind United which was formed, he said, in 1875 by nameless individuals designated as "The Sponsors," who could transport themselves instantly to any spot they wished.

The Sponsors, Bell said, had machines which could pop eyes out at 100 miles. They had mystic power which could stop airplanes in flight and melt steel at 30 miles.

They hobnobbed with a race of little metal-headed men who inhabited the bowels of the earth and arranged earthquakes and floods.

In seven years Mankind United acquired more than $3,000,000 from devout followers. Shortly after Pearl Habor, Bell and 16 of his aides were accused of conspiring to violate war-time sedition laws. He and 11 co-defendants were found guilty. The sentence was five years in prison.

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# Your Car May Be Next

When you leave your car in a street, driveway, garage or parking lot, what are your chances of finding it still there when you return?

Automobile stealing is one of the nation's most prevalent crimes today. According to an official FBI report, car thieves make away with someone's precious four-wheeled locomotion once every 180 seconds. In 1947 more than 21 cars were stolen every hour.

Old-time car snatchers used to pick the lock of a car door with a "jiggler," a hacksaw blade cut down to the size of a nail file. The ignition lock was defeated by pulling out the wires back of the lock and connecting them to a "jumper". A skilled thief could do both operations in two minutes.

Today's car rustlers have shaved the actual "stealing time" down to mere seconds. The commonest ruse employed by hot-car rings is to plant a member of their gang as a mechanic in a large garage. In Chicago the loss of 20 cars was traced to the activity of one such inside accomplice. During his lunch hour the mechanic took the keys of several cars to a nearby locksmith and ordered duplicates. Gang members, equipped with these keys, were able to spirit away their mobile loot in stop-watch time.

Recently, in New York, a salesman who had ordered a new car grew weary of awaiting delivery. Tempted by a "bargain" sedan offered for "quick sale" in the personal ad columns of a newspaper, he parted with his cash for a shiny new model.

Twenty-four hours later the salesman was reporting the theft of the car to the police. They informed him that he was probably the victim of a "three-key operator." The ad had been inserted by a car crook who had given his victim two keys and kept the third. Three-key operators require only one car as working capital. They reclaim the machine a few hours after it is sold, then drive away to another city to perform an encore.

Many thieves function without a spare key. They prowl the city's shopping districts, alert for the woman

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driver who parks her car with the motor idling and dashes into a store to pick up a bundle. Cars are coming and going all the time and the thief attracts no attention as he hops possessively into the purring machine and roars away.

Other car pirates specialize in preying on autos parked on hills. They release the brakes, straighten out the wheels and roll noiselessly away. The car's momentum carries it a block or two out of the owner's sight. A confederate waiting in a tow car hooks a chain around the bumper, and the stolen machine is whisked away to the gang's headquarters.

Peak period for stolen cars is between 8 P. M. and midnight. That's when the famous nemesis of auto thieves, "Eagle-Eye Gus" Schalkham, made most of his arrests. In 10 years as a New York cop, Gus spotted some 300 stolen cars, thanks to his knack of remembering license plates the way he remembered cards in pinochle.

One evening "Eagle-Eye" spied a stolen machine darting by the exit of the Queensboro Bridge. Commandeering the next automobile, he gave chase and arrested the operator. Gus was preparing to thank the driver who had helped him overtake his quarry when he managed to catch a glimpse of his benefactor's license plates. You guessed it. This, too, was a hot car.

Auto thieves are rarely active in deserted streets, where suspicious neighbors are in the habit of phoning the police about loiterers who tinker with cars. Favorite hunting grounds are crowded theater districts, football parks, race tracks and other congested areas. The knowledge that the owner will be gone for a definite period gives the thief time to manipulate the lock with his "jiggler," employ his "jumper" to circumvent the locked ignition switch, remove the telltale license plates and replace them with an innocuous set.

If you are one of those careless motorists who lock the door but neglect to shut the window that last extra inch, you may soon be using the trolley or bus for transportation. Using a long wire hook that resembles a plumber's "snake," a dexterous car thief can extend it through the narrow aperture, snare it under the door handle and by tugging upward, cause it to turn.

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2. Always lock your car; always close your windows all the way.

3. Never leave your car with the engine running, even in your own driveway.

4. Beware of persons who offer to watch your car.

5. Choose your parking lot wisely.

Hand in hand with the hazard of having your car stolen is the equal risk of innocently purchasing a hot car. Today, thousands of used-car buyers drive stolen cars and never know it. To secure apparently legitimate titles to hot cars, illicit merchants buy up wrecked cars from auto graveyards. Their purpose is to own the wrecked cars motor number, then steal a car of similar make and model and endow it with the identity of the smashed machine.

To thwart thieves, motor manufacturers for the past decade have been putting secret serial numbers at dozens of places on their cars. They are hidden in inaccessible spots in the chassis where discovery by a thief is almost impossible.

Several times a year police authorities and insurance investigators make a spot-check of cars parked in public garages, detect numerous stolen cars by reading their secret identifications. **If it turns out that you have bought a hot car, the car is restored to its rightful owner and you are stuck.**

To avoid purchasing a stolen auto always observe these precautions:

1. Beware of the seller who wants cash instead of a check.

2. Don't close the deal in a rush. Wait a few days before giving your final decision. Auto thieves can't wait; they have to sell in a hurry.

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3. Take time to investigate when the price seems too low.

4. If you are at all suspicious, call up police headquarters and have the engine number compared to those on the list of stolen cars.

Car racketeers are clever enough, but they can be outsmarted. Follow these two sets of rules and your new car won't be "hot." And you'll have a better chance of finding it where you left it the next time you come out of the movies.

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# He Shot A Shadow

Some small town audiences have been known to irk local movie theatre owners by staging unhelpful demonstrations during the showing of some of Hollywood's more melo-dramatic products. They hiss corny speeches and villians, for instance, and emit loud smacks during ardent love scenes.

But the affronted impressarios shouldn't complain too much. Suppose they had patrons like Bonifacio Nieves?

Senor Nieves, just in from his small farm scores of miles away, attended his first movie one night recently in the little town of San Javier, Uruguay.

There was a lovely heroine who at a glance won his heart and all his sympathy. A villain, whose love she spurned, bound her and her aged father and started to push them off a precipice. But he reckoned without stout-hearted Bonifacio.

As the smirking villain swept his arms around the girl, Bonifaico jumped up and fired his .38-calibre revolver at the flickering shadow on the screen.

Startled patrons scrambled to give the dauntless Bonifacio more room. Bonifacio, in turn, kept pumping his bullets at the huge screen. It wasn't until police came bounding down the aisle to seize him that the gallant and impetuous assault on villainy could be checked.

The police listened impatiently when Bonifacio tried to explain his chivalrous action. They called him "rustico" —which means hick—and suggested he had drunk too much vino. Laughing heartily, they threw him in jail.

The impetuous young farmer admitted that he had taken a few swigs from a jug before he looked at his first movie, but it was a little hard convincing him that the pretty girl and the scheming villain were only animated pictures projected from a machine in the rear of the theatre.

"The senorita was so pretty," he sighed, "that I could not think of her being pushed to death from that mountain. That's why I shoot."

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Bonifacio's barrage was not the first time that happenings on the silver screen have been confused with reality. There was a most unexpected audience reaction deep in Africa during wartime when, with police forces spread dangerously thin, an English official had the bright idea of exhibiting Britain's might, via open-air newsreels, to impress a troublesome tribe.

First he ran the sound track of a military band, and then to the tramp of boots a column of British Tommies marched into view. As the soldiers and their bared bayonets loomed larger, half the dusky spearmen arose and fled.

Next came a reel of a battle fleet at sea. A wondering murmur came from the warriors, who had never seen the ocean. Their cries changed to fright when a close-up showed the mighty battlewagons apparently lumbering directly at the natives.

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# Easing That Guilty Conscience

Up and down the country, men and women in every walk of life—the American people—are growing better, more honest, more willing in their hearts to be fair among themselves.

The United States Treasury Department has reached this conclusion from a study of its Conscience Fund.

The fund has been built, mostly, by anonymous contributors who have sent in money to atone for wrongs of the past. Its total up to this summer was $8,530,285, and still is growing.

Psychologists say that one person in every five in the land is potentially a giver to the fund, people who want to clear their own consciences, and set themselves right with their fellow men and their Maker.

This unusual fund was started in 1811, when someone sent $5 to President James Madison. Since then over $1,000,000, plus some $7,000,000 contributed during the last war, have been given to the United States, usually by persons trying to make up for some past indiscretion.

According to Dr. Donald A. Laird, internationally-known psychologist, there remains an untapped potential of contributors who will probably keep the fund going until all men are born perfect.

"About one person in five has a well-advanced guilt complex which could drive him to contributing to the Conscience Fund," Dr. Laird said.

Custodians of the fund—known prosaically as miscellaneous receipts—read some revealing passages in the letters which frequently accompany money. Most contributions are anonymous, but signatures of bankers, farmers, ministers, servicemen, housewives and others are seen.

The smallest contribution on record came with a long letter addressed to the President of the United States. It said in part:

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stamps . . . My mind is constantly on the subject . . . Enclosed find the cost of the stamps, and please forgive me, for I was but 13 years old . . ."

The largest contribution came in an unsigned letter which said:

"Here's $30,000 in cash. This makes $80,000 I have sent to the U. S., or four times the amount I stole years ago."

A businessman sent in a money order for $2,600, representing tax on income he had failed to include in his return. Another letter, containing three $1,000 bills, eight $500 bills, and 30 $100 bills, stated that the anonymous sender had already "paid double," but was sending "another payment." He gave no explanation.

Many servicemen have contributed to the fund. The first was a veteran of the Civil War, who sent in $200 for a stolen mule. Recently $30 was sent to cover goods stolen and sold on the black market during the last war.

Some letters refer to the writer's discovery of religion. Said one: "I have just been converted and I feel that God would want me to clear my conscience. This $150 will square up a personal matter on my heart."

According to Dr. Laird, sending back stolen money, or contributing it to the government, rarely fulfills the hope of the sender that the act will square him wih his conscience.

"It's a trick of mind," Dr. Laird said. "Many, many times this guilt complex dates back to early childhood, and is an outgrowth of parents shaming their children.

"Not only do sufferers of this complex give money to funds other than the government, but they are also prone to self-punishment. Some persons drift into melancholia."

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During the war the government received $7,300,000 in unsolicited funds, some of it ear-marked for a certain piece of war equipment.

These gifts, prompted by patriotic and religious motives rather than by an attempt to salve the givers' consciences, came also from persons in all walks of life. A man who sent in $2 a week once missed a week. Next week $4 came in, with an apology. He had been notified that his son, a flier, was missing in action.

The largest single amounts, however, have represented "conscience easing" money. One letter said that $18,669 in cash enclosd covered a smuggling operation. A check for $14,225.15, signed by an English minister, came with a letter explaining that one of his parishioners had defrauded the American government, and had asked him to handle the restitution.

Another donor tore eight $1,000 bills in half and sent in a half of each bill, with the promise that he would send the rest when notified that the eight halves were received. The government notified him, and he sent in the rest.

One form of letter frequently received is the "gimmie" type.

"I see you have had another contribution to the Conscience Fund," said one letter. "As I have been swindled out of everything I ever had, I am going to ask you for $1,000 of that money. I want to get me two cows, a set of teeth and an automobile. Please don't disappoint me."

All the Treasury Department can do in such cases of guilt-complexes in reverse is to point out that money can be taken from the General Fund only by an act of Congress. As far as the Conscience Fund is concerned, it is easier to receive than to give.

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# Little Willie's Two Mistakes

"Little William MacClaren was so drab as to be almost invisible.

He was a slight, quiet shadow of a man, the kind no one notices. He could slip into an office or factory, or walk down the street, and no one would remember his passing.

That was a very valuable asset for William C. McClaren, the man the police knew for 20 years as one of the world's slickest safe crackers. They knew him as a shrewd criminal who was as skillful as the greatest of fictional safe-crackers, alias Jimmy Valentine.

For years the police played a patient game of wits with this phantom burglar. Many times they recognized his "signature" on a job, the little signs by which an expert can recognize the work of a master criminal. But getting evidence to convict him was something else.

MacClaren did go to prison twice—once for misuse of the mails, and the second time for possessing burglar's tools. But never could the law pin a burglary on him.

Little Willie was sure they never would. But the police weren't convinced. "Sometime," said Robert S. Morris, internationally known safe expert and consultant to many police departments, "He'll make a mistake."

He was right, because Willie recently made not one, but two mistakes in a row.

His first error was committed in the office of a textile concern on New York's Broadway. He carelessly let his shadow flit across a glass partition—and an alert rookie cop nabbed him.

He was charged only with breaking and entering—and was released on bail.

His second mistake, made a few weeks later, was in assuming that the police weren't "tailing" him when he opened the safe of a Fifth Avenue real estate concern.

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MacClaren was born in the mining town of Shenandoah, Pa., in 1897. He was educated in the Shenandoah schools, and later studied engineering—and locksmithing—in college.

Before 1928, he was the owner of a shop in New York City, where he repaired machines—he was a skilled machinist—and experimented with locks. In the year 1928 he was arrested following a series of safe burglaries in the New York textile area. Police said they found lock picks, drills and other burglar-like tools in his shop—but they couldn't prove that he committed any of the robberies.

They arrested him again in 1929, after $50,000 in negotiable securities had been taken from an old-fashioned safe in a New York shop. The authorities again failed to prove that he committd the burglary—but they could prove that the securities had been mailed to a bank as collateral on a loan, and that Willie was involved. He was given a two-and-a-half-year prison term on a mail fraud charge. In 1936, he was sentenced to three and a half years for possessing burglars' tools.

He believed in a neat, clean job. Unlike Jimmy Valentine, Willie never broke into a safe, never used explosives to blast it open, never drilled the lock, never left any obvious evidence of his work.

As his sensitive fingers turned the knob of the combination, he could hear the tumblers fall at the proper numbers. Sometimes he found the numbers of the combination pasted under a desk drawer, on the bottom of a waste-paper basket, or in some other hiding place.

"I never sandpapered my fingertips, like you read about," he said. "It wasn't necessary."

He preferred old safes, in stores and offices which he knew would not be serviced.

"A well-oiled, well-maintained lock is tough." he said. "You can't hear the tumblers. I stayed away from time locks, and newer safes. I kept out of banks and big buisness houses."

Little Willie continually "cased" likely looking stores and offices, marking down for future reference safes that looked easy and followed trucks dlivering cheaper safes.

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At the same time, in his machine shop he kept abreast of new developments in locks. He made his own tools—called the finest ever found—and was working on a radio device which, he hoped, would amplify the sound of a falling tumbler. It wasn't successful

If he couldn't get a key to the door of a store or office, and couldn't pick the lock, he'd work on it with a drill of his own making—leaving a hole only .74 of an inch in diameter, which he'd plug with golddust paste on his way out. These needle-small holes were part of Little Willie's signature.

He rarely took cash—and only a portion of any securities he found.

"I wanted to leave the safe looking untouched," he said, "so that it would take days, or weeks, before the burglary was discovered."

By that time, Willie would have disposed of the securities, and the trail would be cold. Often an employe of a victimized firm was discharged for suspected theft after one of Willie's jobs—and not infrequently insurance companies, suspecting collusion, refused to pay.

He might have gone on for years if that rookie policeman, checking doors on his beat at night, hadn't glimpsed Willie's shadow.

"I ought to go back to first grade," Willie said.

MacClaren was released on bail. He might have known that he would be "tailed."

A few weeks later, Detective Raymond McGuire watched MacClaren go into a Fifth Avenue real estate office, waited until he opened a safe, and nabbed him with $40 loot in his pocket.

The Police estimate that MacClaren stole about $300,000. But they found that he and his bed-ridden wife were living in a dingy apartment in comparative poverty.

As they say in the underworld, "Everybody is a sucker for the other guy's racket"—MacClaren was a sucker for the horses.

Even for Little Willie, crime didn't pay.

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# Warden Best's Ward

Warden Roy Best looked at his watch and then at the boy who stood fidgeting by his desk.

It was a late afternoon at winter's end and the snow still lay like gleaming enamel on Colorado's hills. School was out and the warden thought how other boys like this one were playing on the sidewalks of Canon City and back at Las Animas.

He studied the boy closely and noted how the glasses he wore seemed to accentuate his shyness. At last he made up his mind.

"Come on, Jim," he said, rising from his chair, "I'm going to take you home with me."

It was a grave decision for the veteran warden of the Colorado State Penitentiary. At 12 Jimmy Melton had shot and killed his sister in the Melton home at Las Animas and had been sentenced to 12 years to life for second degree murder.

The young prisoner's arrival at the Canon City institution posed a new problem for the warden, who was used to dealing with grown-up law breakers. Only last December, he had been the hero of a 12-man prison break in which two of the escaped convicts were killed and the others recaptured in three days.

He concluded the long rows of cells and the rigid prison discipline were not for this child, no matter how serious his transgression.

So the warden took Jimmy into his home next door to the penitentiary and the boy stayed on as one of the family.

At first, the people of Canon City doubted the wisdom of the warden's course, but he was convinced he was doing right.

"I am going to rear this boy just as though he were my own," he said. "I can't put him behind bars with the toughest thugs and crooks in the state. I'm going to give him a home and let him go to school.

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"They sent Jimmy here so I could care for him. The way I look at it, I can do it my own way. This is my way. I'm going to try it out.'

The incident that sent Jimmy Melton to the penitentiary and the protection of Warden Best took place last Christmas Eve in his father's home. His sister, Phyllis, 16, was wrapping presents when she and Jimmy got into an argument.

Jimmy's parents had separated when he was only five and his older sister ran the house for his father. For a long time he had resented her authority over him.

While they were arguing that night, he suddenly left the room and returned with a rifle. Before Phyllis could act, he fired five times.

Jimmy readily admitted the killing and said that he did it because "she was always nagging me about bringing in the fuel."

He pleaded guilty to second degree murder and was turned over to Warden Best.

After the warden took him into his home, Jimmy ate with Mr. and Mrs. Best. His life there was happy and carefree and in a short time his weight incrased eight pounds.

Like the other boys in Canon City, a few of whom were later permitted to play with him, Jimmy wore blue jeans and a wool shirt with ski figures on it.

The warden's son was away at school when Jimmy Melton came and he slept in the son's bed and pedalled around town on his bicycle. Every morning, he rode to the home of a neighbor who tutored him in arithmetic, geography and English.

"I work in the yard in the afternoon," he said after the first few weeks of his informal adoption, "and answer the telephone for the warden. Sometimes I help with the dishes."

He was given a pet of his own, a collie named Susie, and helped with the care of the warden's two Doberman pinscher watchdogs, Chris and Ike.

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"Chris says the kid's all right," reported the warden, "and Chris has never misjudged a human being yet."

From the time he first went to live with the Bests, Jimmy's day started at 9 o'clock with a three-hour session with his tutor, who found his I. Q. far above average.

In the afternoon, he studied music and devoted considerable time to his hobby—working with leather.

When the other boys got out of school, Jimmy played baseball with them in a park across the street. On Sundays, he attended church services.

"We are trying to give him a normal life," Warden Best said recently. "My wife and I would like to give him a feeling of love and security. He is a dandy, co-operative little fellow.

"We don't discuss his crime, but Jimmy realizes his guilt and knows why he is here. We are trying to teach him that God—and man—can forgive, even if they cannot excuse what he did."

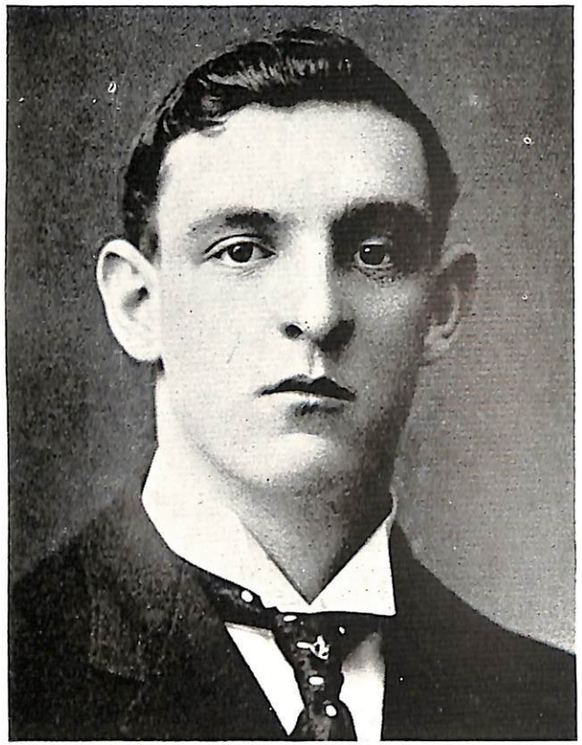
The warden's neighbors have slowly changed their attitude toward his experiment and some families began sending their children to play with Jimmy regularly.

The people of Colorado have both praised and criticized him. Some have sent savings bonds, cash and gifts to the boy. Warden Best doesn't mind this, but said he doesn't want to make a hero of Jimmy.

"A lot of people say I'm sticking out my neck," he admitted. "Maybe I am, but it's worth the try."

Best, an ex-cowpuncher, said that Jimmy is as normal a boy as you'd find anywhere, except for his one sudden outburst against his sister.

If everything goes as heretofore, he'll be eligible for parole in six years, when he's 18, and Warden Best and his wife have every hope that he will merit the faith they have in him and take his place again in the world as a good and useful citizen.



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# Suckers Unlimited

Albert Edward DePalma, one-time New York City poor boy, who became head of his own Canadian gold mine securities company, with $1,000,000 in Canadian banks, owner of a $250,000 mansion in Toronto, a $150,000 plane and three cars, flew into New York one day "to get in touch with his girl."

He had found gold in Canada, but not in the hills. It had been several years since he had visited the States and he was looking forward to a pleasant vacation.

Federal agents were watching for him and trailed him to a Park Ave. hotel. Five minutes after his arrival there was a knock on his door:

"Let's go, De Palma. We've waited a long time. But you'll face the rap now," he was told.

The charge was using the mails to defraud through sale of worthless mining stocks. The indictment was issued in Cleveland, Ohio. It specified 14 instances of alleged fraudulent sales. Five agencies—Post Office, Securities & Exchange Commission, the United States Attorney General and police cooperated in the arrest.

Seizure of De Palma was part of a nation-wide drive to halt the stream of worthless stocks being sold with immunity from over the Canadian border. Promoters had used reports of gold discoveries to clean up in the securities field.

De Palma was accused of having sold $3,000,000 of worthless shares in two years. He was under indictment in seven states. As long as he remained in Canada, and operated from there, he was safe.

Ther is no extradition treaty between the United States and Ontario covering stock swindling charges. The existing treaty was signed in 1906 when there were no Ontario laws dealing with worthless mine stock sales.

De Palma, arraigned before a United States Commissioner, was released on $50,000 bail.

When the case was called a month later, DePalma's lawyer told the Commissioner:

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The Commissioner declared his $50,000 bail forfeit. The law could not reach him.

In an interview published in Toronto, De Palma said: "Better to lose $50,000 than to get in the clutches of those guys down there in the States and probably never come back to Canada."

The U. S. Attorney's records show De Palma was born Edward Zukor, in Africa. His father was a diamond merchant. He was brought to New York when four years old. He began his career when 21 as a used-car salesman. His old friends, to whom he was "Eddie," said of him:

"Eddie was good. He could sell anything. He always was talking of making a pile. He couldn't see anything but a million ahead."

He next sold oil rights. The first complaint against him came in 1938. He was indicted in Cortland, N. Y., on a charge of unloading $5,000 in worthless stock on two women, retired New York school teachers. De Palma returned the money and went free.

De Palma's method, the postal authorities charge, and which he has admitted, was to incorporate an undeveloped mining claim or prospect in which there might be some gold or precious metal. The usual stock issue was 3,000,000 shares. He would take 1,200,000 shares and contract to turn over to the company five to ten cents a share for any balance he would sell.

Then his educational "campaign" with pamphlets by mail, on which the indictments are based, would begin. During one selling campaign, Peg Tantalum Mines, he sent 500,000 letters to the United States and Alaska at a cost of $40,000. Tantalum is a rare metal used in steel making. Federal authorities charge the mine never has been operated.

His letters tried to sell nothing. They told of rich tantalum and gold finds, how some investors had bought stock at 35 cents a share and later sold it for $15 a share. He offered to give financial advice free.

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"I have nothing to hide," De Palma told an interviewer. "Where did I get the names? Bought them. Sucker lists, I suppose you'd call them. Cost me a penny a name." . . . .

On the floor of De Palma's brokerage house was a "Boiler Room." several desks equipped with phones. The floor was piled high with promotion literature. A sign on the wall read, "The fellow who doesn't mind his own business has no mind or no business."

He turned his salesmen loose on his prospect list. Direct long distance calls were made to California, New York and other states, urging purchases from $100 up. From time to time, he arbitrarily advanced the 35-cent price to 75 cents and $1 a share. Rising quotations were phoned repeatedly. The prospect could see a fortune escaping him unless he bought quickly.

The U. S. Attorney's investigation revealed that in some cases his salesmen made $50,000 a year. Telephone bills ran $2,000 a week.

The indictments charge that in one operation De Palma disposed of 3,000,000 shares to U. S. investors at 20 to 26 cents a share. The property has not been worked. In another he bought stock at 15 cents a share and sold it at $1 to $3 a share. Nothing ever was produced.

New York State Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein, commenting on De Palma, warned:

"Canada is a good neighbor and the Canadian Securities Commission always has offered whole-hearted cooperation, but the unhappy truth of the matter is that Canada is still an excellent base of operations for swindlers because of the ineffectual stock laws of the great province of Ontario, the narrow scope of the Canadian Stock Act as a whole, and the present limited range of the U. S.-Canadian extradition arrangement.

"On the stock sales, usually 90 cents of every $1 goes into the operator's pocket. In the majority of these stock frauds, the perpetrator cannot be extradited now to face his American victim. De Palma's operation is typical.

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De Palma, in Toronto, remains serene and untouchable. The only hope U. S. authorities have to end wildcat stock sales is a change in the extradition treaty.

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# Blood Money

One ranch house, in the lonely cattle country of Oregon's Jordan Valley, couldn't hold all three of them. The middle-aged rancher, Willis David Broadhurst, didn't even suspect it. But his red-haired bride, Gladys Elaine Broadhurst, knew, and the ranch's tall, blue-eyed cowboy, Alvin Lee Williams, knew.

The woman spoke of it first, said the cowboy later in court. Riding home with him from town one night she mentioned it directly, he said.

They had just seen a husband slain, on the screen, by his wife's confederate.

"It's too bad something like that can't happen to the doctor!" said Mrs. Broadhurst, the cowboy later testified. She meant the rancher, who was a retired chiropractor.

After that, he said, they spoke often of death, and on an October day in 1946 he ambushed the rancher and killed him with a .12 gauge shotgun.

For this, both he and Mrs. Broadhurst were sentenced to life terms in the Oregon State Penitentiary, she was found guilty of first degree murder on a jury's verdict, he guilty of second degree murder on his own plea.

Two years later, a sequel to their trial raised a vital point of law, and the case of the bride's inheritance probably will be remembered when details of the murder are long forgotten.

Broadhurst, 51 at the time he was killed, was well-to-do, a familiar, robust figure in eastern Oregon and the neighboring part of Idaho. Forty-two-year-old Mrs. Broadhurst was the daughter of an Idaho land trader and had known the "Doc" casually when she was a girl.

On May 20, 1946, "Doc" gave up his long bachelorhood and brought the red-haired Gladys Elaine home from Reno as his wife.

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Less than a month later, on Oct. 15, 1946, "Doc" was murdered.

The cowboy, Williams, 23, confessed the killing, but Mrs. Broadhurst stood trial, with Williams testifying against her.

They had considered three murder plans, he said: To "lose" the rancher on the range, to kill him while elk hunting, and to ambush him. They had decided on the ambush plan, and while on an auto trip they were married.

"We figured that after 'Doc' was declared dead and his estate went to her, we could get married again," Williams testified.

On the day of the killing, Williams lay in wait for Broadhurst on the road between Caldwell, Idaho, and the ranch in Oregon. There, inside the Oregon boundary, he fired the fatal blast. He hid the body, returned to Mrs. Broadhurst (he later testified) and told her.

"Good," she said, according to his testimony.

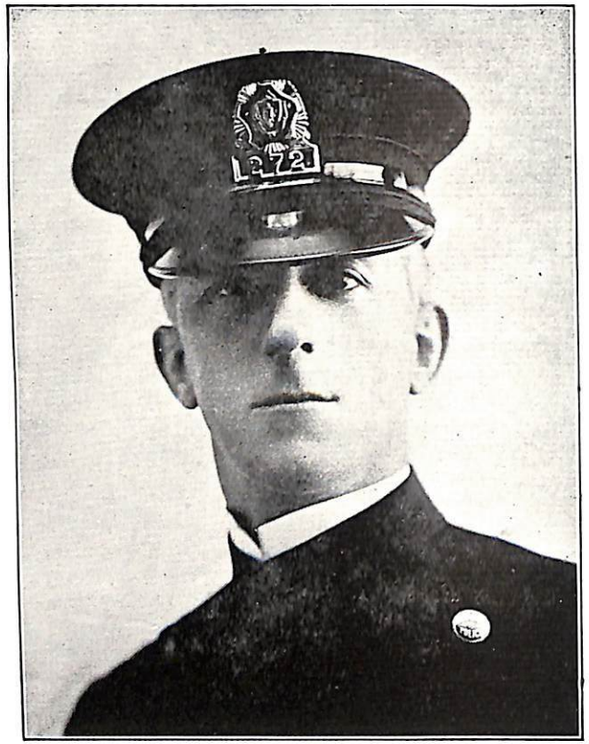
When the rancher's will was filed for probate, his three sisters rose against it. They raised a point of law. They—Mrs. Anna Adams, Mrs. Sarah Allen and Mrs. Bertha Jack, all of St. Anthony, Idaho—filed suit to contest it.

The Oregon statute said:

"No person who feloniously takes, or causes or procures another so to take, the life of another shall inherit from such person, or receive any interest whatsoever in the estate of the decedent as surviving spouse."

In its light, Mrs. Broadhurst seemed to have no claim to the bequest, no dower right, nothing. For the statute said she, if guilty of "procuring" the murder of her husband, could not receive "any interest whatsoever" in his estate.

The three sisters claimed all of the estate. Mrs. Broadhurst, in prison, retained an attorney, and sought the estate, she said, because she was innocent of crime and be-



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cause she wanted to use part of the money to make a legal fight for her freedom. The Oregon Supreme Court this summer denied her appeal from the murder verdict.

Meanwhile, in the extraordinary matter of the protested will, the sisters and the red-haired widow finally reached an agreement. In June of this year the sisters filed a petition asking that the will be readmitted to probate.

With the petition was a settlement agreement. It said the sisters would withdraw their objections to the will provided that the rancher's Idaho property and his 400 head of beef cattle and personal effects be conveyed to them. It said Mrs. Broadhurst agreed.

This left Mrs. Broadhurst a winner—not a full winner, but victorious enough to receive the whole Jordan Valley ranch, worth somewhat more than a third of the rancher's entire estate.

Both the probate courts in Oregon and Idaho gave the agreement their tacit approval and the will was readmitted to probate.

The ranch was sold for $51,000 and the money placed in trust for Mrs. Broadhurst. But she can not do much with it. The law allows her to spend only $10 a month for anything brought to her cell.

That fight was carried on by her attorney, with the widow still in her cell. In the same prison was the cowboy.

If the state has its way, they will stay there for their life sentences and they will never meet. The $51,000 will do the cowboy no good, and if the state wins the appeal, the money will be of little use to the widow.

Meanwhile, a movement was started to amend the state's inheritance law, which happens to be one of the most specific, as it is, in the United States. It was expected that legislators would try to make it even stronger.

Those backing the change hoped to make it impossible for anyone, plotting the murder of husband or wife, to share—even by agreement—in the slain one's estate.

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# Making The Parents Pay

"I want you to send my daughter to a reform school. Thn maybe she'll learn that she can't have a temper tantrum whenever things don't suit her," a smartly dressed woman said recently to Judge Alan Bowie in Prince George County (Md.) Juvenile Court.

Judge Bowie looked thoughtfully at the pretty 15-year-old girl before him as the complaining mother turned her accusations into angry questions.

"How would you like to have a daughter who deliberately smashes the dishes when she's asked to wash them? Am I to blame because she plays hookey from school day after day and refuses to give any reason for her action?"

In effect, the Judge's answer—after a thorough investigation of the case—was, "Yes, it is your fault. You are one of the many parents who have failed to do your job. Now you will have to pay for that failure."

Judge Bowie sent the unhappy teen-ager to a state training school for girls because he said, he believed it would provide her with a better home than the one she had, but he ruled that the complaining mother must pay $21 a month toward her daughter's upkeep while she was in the institution of correction.

Investigation had disclosed that the mother, who had been a widow for four years, was having a clandestine romance with a married man and that this affair brought shame and jealousy to the daughter who longed for affection.

The girl was expressing her subconscious resentment by, misbehavior at home, and especially by breaking dishes which she occasionally even threw at her mother.

Recent spells of playing hookey were attributed to her desire to check up on her parent's whereabouts.

When the mother has had time to straighten out her own life so she can offer the right environment and com-

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panionship to her daughter, the girl, who has made a good adjustment at the training school, will be allowed to return to her home.

The ruling that the mother must pay, in part, for the training made necessary by her own neglect was possible because of a recent special act of the Maryland State Assembly.

The precedent setting case for this unusual way of handling "deliquent parents" in Prince George County was that of four juvenile law-breakers who appeared before Judge Arthur P. Owens on charges of stealing three cases of beer and staging a party at the home of three of the boys.

The brothers, aged 13, 14 and 16, and their 15-year-old friend, readily confessed to a series of shop-liftings and house-breakings over a period of two months.

"These boys were essentially no worse than any other boys," Judge Owens said, "but due to lack of parental restraint and guidance into useful hobbies and occupations they turned their energies to a search for thrills."

He sent all four boys to the Maryland State Training School for Boys and ordered the parents to pay $20 a month toward the support of each boy.

At the school they learned useful trades and the three brothers were eagerly awaiting the day when they would be released and could make life a little easier for their mother who had a hard time meeting the $60 a month bill exacted by the Judge.

Warrants are no longer issued for juvenile offenders in Prince George County, but for their parents.

One 10-year-old girl, concerned by the new order, admonished her father who was leaving her and her small brother at a late movie, "Now, Pop, be sure to come after us before 11 o'clock. You know parents can get into trouble leaving their children out on the street at night."

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ents pay for failing to give their children proper guidance, is Judge Joseph B. Hermes of the Chicago Municipal Court who has been dealing with juvenile delinquency for 12 years.

"Who is at fault," Judge Hermes asks, "when a boy of 13, arrested for pilfering, sobs before the bench: 'Send me to the state school; I'll be happier there than I am at home where everybody is always drunk or fighting?'"

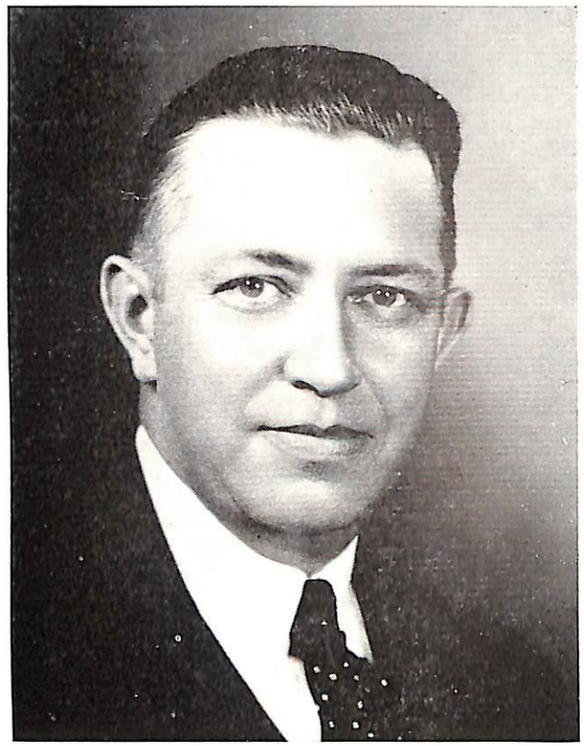
This Chicago Judge recently gave a year's jail sentence to the father of a 16-year-old boy, charged with bringing about the downfall of a girl two years his junior.

Questioning of the two youngsters revealed that the misconduct had occurred in the boy's own home with his father's knowledge.

It is the aim of the Maryland make-the-parents-pay plan to impress mothers and fathers with the fact that their child is their own and not the county's, Judge Owens explained.

The Maryland magistrates have discovered that a nick in the pocketbook makes the most lasting impression.

"The plan is wrecking the Juvenile Court business," Judge Owens said, with a happy grin. "Where we used to have six cases a week, we now have an average of only two."



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# Torture In Brooklyn

The victories of the Federal Bureau of Investigation over crime have long been the basis for dramatic stories in the press, radio, stage and screen.

But many of the best stories—the true stories—of the FBI's exploits have never been told. They are too fantastic, even for fiction.

* * *

The date was Aug. 2, 1934. The French liner Champlain was nosing into its pier on the Hudson River, in New York City, after a transatlantic trip.

On the weather deck, Guillaume Rozen, a steward, was finishing his chores, while his friend, Pierre Guette, another steward, waited impatiently.

"Hurry Guillaume," Pierre said. "This New York—it is not like Paris, no. But tonight we have liberty. And even in New York we may find pleasant adventure."

Guillaume started to leave—but his eye caught something in a ventilator. He drew out a small package. He shook it, sniffed at it.

"Some fool has left this here," he said. "Disinfectant, I think. It is of no importance."

He tossed it into the river—he later testified—and the eddying ripples gave no hint of the terror that was to come.

An officer stopped Guillaume as he was about to go ashore. Pierre went on alone, while Guillaume turned to some additional, overtime work. Not until the next night did he leave the ship.

A pleasant-seeming man greeted him in French as he stepped from the shadows of the pier—and handed him a note from Pierre, which read:

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Guillaume's eyes lighted. Ah, that Pierre. Trust him to find something interesting. A car was waiting, and Guillaume stepped into it.

As he did so, a fist crashed against his face. He was beaten, bound and gagged. The car drove to a Brooklyn house, where Guillaume was kicked out and half dragged into a room. Guillaume gasped in horror. Pierre was there, bound in a chair—a Pierre he could scarcely recognize—half-conscious, his eyes glazed, his face a mass of bruises, cuts and burns.

Guillaume, too, was tied in a chair. One of his captors—there were five men in the room—asked

"What did you do with the package?"

Frightened, dazed, Guillaume couldn't think. He said he didn't know about a package.

A fist rocked his head back. The question was repeated, interminably. Each denial brought new torture —lighted cigarettes ground into his bare arms, a rubber hose lashed across his face or body, or pins driven under his nails. He was told that the package had contained narcotics—$3,000 worth. Later he told the FBI that he remembered throwing it into the river, but he was afraid to say so—even more afraid of that than of the torture.

After two hours, he and Pierre were untied, dragged to a garage behind the house, and subjected to new tortures; hung from the rafters by ropes, trussed like fowl, rocked back and forth on the floor by kicks.

It was, the FBI said, one of the most inhuman cases of torture on record.

Guillaume was shown a picture of his wife and child, taken from his wallet. He asked permission to kiss the picture—and his reply, he said later, was a kick in the face by a woman, wife of the leader of the gang, who carried a baby in her arms.

At last Guillaume broke. To put an end to the torture, he cried:

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"Yes, I found it. I sold the drug. I sent the money, 40,000 francs, to my wife near Le Havre."

He told the FBI later that that was not true—that he had actually thrown the package in the river. His captors sent a cable to Mrs. Rozen, signed with his name, reading:

"I am in prison. Send urgently 40,000 francs to my friend Pierre Guette."

The cable gave a telegraph office address. Impatient when they did not get a prompt reply, the torturers sent Pierre Guette, the next day, back to his ship, with a letter to Mrs. Rozen—threatening him and Guillaume with death if he betrayed them.

"If you do not do as I direct," the letter, written and signed by Guillaume read, "you will never see me alive again."

When the ship reached France, Pierre delivered the letter. Mrs. Rozen had no more than 200 francs. She took the letter and cable to the captain of the Champlain. On his return to New York he turned the letter and cable over to the FBI.

Meanwhile the gang had moved, with Guillaume, first to Philadelphia, and then to Atlantic City. Narcotics agents had been checking on them, and the FBI and narcotics agents pooled their information. They were about to close in on the gang's headquarters, when Guillaume was released by his captors, and told the FBI his story.

Six persons were indicted for kidnapping under the then newly-enacted Lindbergh law, since Guillaume had been carried across a state line. They were Salvatore Mancuso, named leader of the gang; his wife, Nellie, whom Rozen accused of kicking him; Ignazio Fusari, Joseph Messana, Antoine Zirano, who had deserted the Champlain some months before and learned that Guillaume had found the package; and Liberale Parrino.

All but Zirano and Parrino were arrested, placed on trial, and convicted on the testimony of Guillaume and other witnesses. Mancuso was sentenced to 40 years in

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prison; his wife to three and a half, Messana to ten, and Fusari to three.

Zirano was machine-gunned to death in Paris in 1939, and the books were closed on him. Parrino remained at large, but the FBI did not forget the indictment against him . . .

* * *

For 14 years, Guillaume lived in fear, he said, knowing Parrino was at large.

Then, last October 11, FBI agents closed in on a small grocery store in Brooklyn. They arrested its owner—a mild-mannered merchant whom everyone in the neighborhood liked; a man who was always willing to help his neighbors with a bag of groceries until payday.

The FBI said that a "routine check"—it would not explain what that meant—had revealed him as Liberale Parrino.

Parrino was held for trial under the 14-year-old indictment, and Guillaume Rozen was reported ready to testify against him.

From his cell in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Mancuso asked permission to appear and testify at the trial. But, whatever sensations might develop, the FBI hoped that, at long last, it finally would be able to close its own books on the Case of the Tortured Seamen.

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# Bad News to Bandits

The crooks around Brockton, Mass., apparently can't get one simple lesson through their heads—that bad news as well as good things can come in small packages.

Around Brockton, a "small package" named Harry A. Thibeault, a 132-pound, five-foot-two-inch grocery store proprietor, has been bad news to bandits for the past 14 years. But still they keep coming back for more.

Six times since 1935, the 65-year-old Thibeault's grocery store has been the target of armed thugs, intent upon looting his cash register. Six times he has forcefully, painfully and single-handedly put them to rout.

The first attempt to rob the diminutive crime-smasher was in 1935, when a masked gunman entered his store and demanded all cash on hand. Despite his size, Thibeault refused—not only vocally but physically.

He tore into the interloper, and was promptly felled by a blow from the robber's gun butt. But Thibeault shook off the blow, got up from the floor, and charged anew. The robber hastily vetoed all thoughts of soft pickings, and beat a frantic, empty-handed retreat.

Two years later, another crook tried to threaten Thibeault with a gun. Thibeault heaved him—gun and all—out onto the street.

In 1941, after two "more or less minor" forays with hold-up men in between, the fifth robbery attempt was made.

A pair of would-be crooks, entering the grocery store with guns drawn, were mighty surprised individuals when Thibeault countered by drawing a gun of his own.

Sight of the grocer's weapon made the crooks cut loose with a hail of lead..

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All the bullets went wild, and so did the angry Thibeault. He forgot all about his own gun, and charged into the underworld pair.

Fists and gun butts commenced flying, but the scuffle was short-lived. At the first opportunity, the frustrated gunmen pulled out of the slugfest, and ran for the door.

Thibeault gleefully helped them in their pell-mell flight down the street by dispatching a few bullets at their heels.

The most recent attempt to separate the embattled grocer from his cash occurred early last year. He was in the back room of his store when a pair of bandits entered the front of the shop.

"Harry!" his wife called out, in alarm.

Thibeault emerged from the back room, a two-by-four in hand. Ignoring the bandits' weapons, he started swinging the lumber like a baseball bat. One of the bandits fled screaming, his nose smashed.

Thibeault promptly went after the other who, seeing what had happened to his partner, turned and departed in haste.

The little shopkeeper doesn't claim to be a man of unusual courage: He simply refuses to turn the profits of his hard work over to hoodlums.

In all those six hectic encounters, it is the 65-year-old grocer's proud boast that not a cent has disappeared from his cash register.

But he can't quite say he escaped without a certain amount of financial loss. After that spirited hand-to-hand battle with the 1941 bandits, Thibeault discovered that he was "short" a five-dollar bill.

Unable to get to the cash register, one of the crooks had picked Thibeault's pocket.

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# Boys, Guns and Tragedy

Eleven-year-old Tommy Harrington, blond, blue-eyed and freckled, was reading a book in his Martinez Calif., home and blowing bubbles with the gum that filled his jaw. He didn't look up as the bell rang and his mother, Mrs. Thomas Harrington, went to the door to admit two uniformed policemen.

One of the officers said bluntly, "Mrs. Daisy Eibling, the storekeeper down the block, has been murdered in an attempted holdup. She died instantly, from a 22-caliber rifle bullet through the heart. Your son's knife and T-shirt were found nearby."

For the first time, Tommy showed more than casual interest in the visitors.

"It couldn't have been me," he said, "I've been home all afternoon. I don't know a thing."

His mother looked at him quizically. She had a family of nine and they were in an out of the house all day. She couldn't keep track of all of them, but she confirmed her son's alibi and the police left.

In a few hours they were back. They were fairly certain that Tommy Harrington was implicated in the holdup murder of the kindly store proprietor, 42-year-old mother of two.

The policemen questioned the boy and, without a show of emotion, he admitted the crime.

"Sure, I killed her," he said. "She recognized me when I tried to hold her up to get money. I saw other kids with money. I didn't see why I shouldn't have some. I wanted to go to summer camp. My family couldn't afford it." Tommy said he took the gun from the mantel of the living room where it was kept.

The boy's mother burst into tears as she heard the cold, unemotional recounting of her son's crime. He had been in trouble before. Once, at the age of five, he had been with some older boys when they robbed a grocery.

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Only a few weeks before the slaying, he had stolen a watch and $22 from Mrs. Eibling, who gave him candy and pop when he had no money.

About the time that Tommy Harrington killed Mrs. Eibling, 14-year-old Ervin Ingle sat disconsolately in the Bureau of Juvenile Research at Columbus, O., whiye psychiatrists tried to piece together his life story.

At 14, Ervin Ingle was a confessed murderer, guilty of slaying a farmer named John Gabriel and his wife, Pearl, 57, because "I wanted a car to take my girl to a dance."

It was a conveniently-located .22-caliber pistol that this boy used to do his killing.

In Connelsville, Pa., a rifle within easy reach of eight-year-old George Lint brought tragedy, police said, when the boy became angry at his 17-year-old sister, Edna Grace, for slapping him. He got his father's rifle and killed her.

Still another gun tragedy struck in a Newport, Ore., home when Nancy Trenary, age seven, ended an "Indian game" by slaying her 18-month-old sister and wounding her brother and a neighbor boy with her father's shotgun. She loaded the gun herself from a box of shells which she found on top of a cupboard.

The parents of the children involved in these crimes were solid, hard-working mothers and fathers.

The fault lay partially in the loose laws on the possession, concealment and use of firearms in most states. Police said that easy access to a rifle and a pistol gave Tommy Harrington and Ervin Ingle a certain feeling of power—and perhaps the idea for the crimes they committed.

Why are boys that age permitted to buy or possess guns? Or why are guns left where they could get them? When the police of Martinez sought the killer of Mrs. Eibling they questioned 25 boys under 16, all of whom owned, carried and fired .22 rifles.

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Edward J. Kelley, executive secretary of the International Association of Police Chiefs, pointed out that such conditions could hardly exist in New York State where the strong Sullivan Act forbids anyone under 16 years of age to own a gun, under pain of prosecution for juvenile delinquency.

Any person over 16 caught with a gun illegally in his possession, or in his home, is guilty of a misdemeanor. If he has had a previous crime conviction, he is guilty of a felony.

There are few loopholes in the law. Permits to carry, or possess, a gun are seldom issued, and the comparatively few people receiving permits are fingerprinted, photographed and the gun's number is recorded.

New York police officials consider California's law, and the laws of most states concerning firearms, notoriously weak. In California a license is required to carry a weapon concealed or in a vehicle, but no license is necessary for the possession of a firearm.

Even in states where there are laws against the possession and concealment of firearms, most of these laws cover only revolvers and small arms. Shotguns and rifles are o. k.

Kelly, and most other police officers throughout the nation, agree that many juvenile crimes cannot be attributed to lax firearms' laws.

"Even toy guns give youngsters ideas," says Mr. Kelly, "and parents could do their children, themselves and their country a real service by banning guns from their homes."

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The police department poster made her cry. She paused beside it—a slight, fair girl on a busy street in Malden, Mass.—and as she read the words, the message seemed for her.

It said: "For harmony and happiness in your home, visit the Domestic Relations Clinic at Police Headquarters."

She was dabbing her eyes when Police Commissioner James M. McDermod stopped at her side and spoke gently.

"I've been watching you," he told her. "Do you need help?" She nodded.

That encounter, recently, changed her whole life and the lives of those she loved. It made her one of the hundreds whose sad homes have been brightened by the Malden Domestic Relations Clinic.

She went to the clinic, composed of a priest, a minister, a rabbi, a judge, a psychiatrist and a domestic relations officer, and said:

"My mother drinks and gambles. She wastes most of Dad's money. They are always arguing. There's never any peace at home. My brother ran away and I want to run away, too.

"I don't even dare bring my friends home. I'd be disgraced'"

It wasn't a case as hopeless, however, as it looked. The clinic's object is to seek a practical solution of each individual problem. Its members (the Rev. James B. Welch, the Rev. Belmont Hill, Rabbi Aaron Decter, Dr. Milton Wall, Judge Lawrence G. Brooks and Domestic Relations Officer Francis Dillon) talked with both the mother and father of the girl.

They found that the woman's basic problem was boredom. Psychiatric treatments were paid for by the

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City of Malden. These disclosed that she didn't know what to do, now that her children were grown up. She'd once been a secretary. She was advised to return to work.

That changed her entire outlook on life. The home was saved.

Since Malden's clinic was established, the town, within the last year, has won the distinction of having fewer divorces per capita than any other New England town more than 60,000 population.

The Police Commissioner started the good work by assigning a sergeant and a special officer to look after happiness in Malden homes. They have visited hundreds of families and the city has spent thousands of dollars to unite estranged couples or hold together others who have been on the point of separating.

When police advice doesn't solve a problem, the clinic takes over.

One couple had a record of quarreling nightly. Commissioner McDermod visited them. He found them defiant, but he persuaded them to attend the clinic.

"My husband always embarrasses me before friends," the wife said, "Once he struck me."

"I don't think my wife loves me," the husband said.

The clinic found its practical solution in their four-year-old-son, who was afraid of both parents.

"This is no environment for the child," the clinic members held. "Unless the bickering stops, the city will take him away from you."

The strategy worked. The quarreling couple, fearful that they'd lose their son, made up.

Relative trouble brought another couple before the clinic. The husband was a prominent Boston merchant who lived in Malden. His wife was executive secretary of a Back Bay society.

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Neither spoke to the other when they arrived at the clinic at the invitation of Commissioner McDermod. They were planning a divorce.

The wife, 20 years younger than her husband, blamed his relatives for their trouble.

"We hardly ever have a moment to ourselves," she said.

The clinic members took two steps. They induced the couple to agree to move so far away that the husband's relatives couldn't drop in. They went to the relatives, themselves, and exacted promises from them to stay home.

"Three hours later, I received a letter signed by the husband and wife," Commissioner McDermod said recently. "They wrote that they'd discontinued their divorce plans and were never happier."

A 19-year-old wife, with a two-month-old daughter, wanted a divorce.

"Why do you want to be free of your husband?" the board asked her.

"He doesn't appeal to me any more."

The board, after several long talks with her, concluded that the difficulty didn't lie in the young husband's lack of appeal but in his unsteady income. It got him a better job and the couple were reunited.

Another young husband told Commissioner McDermod that in a moment of anger, when he and his wife had been quarreling over their budget, he had ordered her out of the house. She'd taken him at his word, and had left.

"That was three months ago," he said. "Now our children are asking for her all the time. They want her back and so do I. She's living with a girl friend and when I try to visit her, she won't see me."

The Commissioner sent an officer to New York City to urge the young wife to return to her family. At first

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she was indignant, but when she learned that both her husband and the children were miserable without her, she broke down in tears.

"I've wanted to be back with them," she said. "But I was afraid they hated me. My husband said I was a failure as a homemaker and I thought they'd be better off without me."

"Will you go back home?" the officer asked.

"I'll start today," she answered.

The clinic board doesn't offer any snap judgment. Sometimes it works weeks with families. Its mainstay is common sense blended with an understanding of human frailty.

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# The Last Adventure of The Fabulous Con Man

As the tramp of feet sounded in the Tokyo jail corridor, the hard-faced man in the thick glasses brought a phial out of hiding. A key scraped in the lock. "Good-by, Toskie," he said, and uptilted the deadly cyanide.

Shouts of the American guards were in vain. By the time they reached his side, the fabulous Gerold Eckelmann was crumpled in death.

A hundred secrets died with the man of a dozen names. A score of arrest warrants were cancelled by his poison potion, and thousands of dollars were lost forever by his victims. But while large numbers always had marked the trail of Eckelmann, his mourners numbered—one.

"Toskie," whom he had wooed and won as Susuki Itsu, wept. Her tears were a lone token of loyalty, for love seemingly was the single thing the international swindler never betrayed.

His death has permitted authorities to piece together the bizarre puzzle which was the globe-trotting con man's life. Where fact and fancy intermingle probably never will be clear.

Everybody agrees that Eckelmann was born in Oelsnitz, Germany, in 1899, and was brought to the United States at an early age. There agreement ends. Eckelmann was fond of telling prospective swindle victims that after the outbreak of World War I he tried to return to the Fatherland, but was picked up by Russians and sent to a concentration camp in Siberia.

Disguised as a wounded Russian," he would recount, "I got through the guard by clinging to the bottom of a railway car. I stowed away on a boat to Germany where I enlisted in the navy."

While international police records stated that Eckelmann left Germany because of an unsavory reputation,

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he had only glowing reports about himself when he appeared in this country in 1931.

By then he was "Commander" Eckelmann, the youngest submarine captain in the German navy. Airily, he told how he had studied codes, discovered that he had a "rare cipher brain" and detected a flaw in the German military code.

"My superiors were suspicious," Eckelmann told listeners. "I was sent to the Admiralty office in Berlin. There they set me to devising a new code. I worked out one with 16,000,000,000 possibilities and it was never broken."

He appeared in Japan where he let it be known that he was giving military instruction and teaching languages. But Japanese police who deported him said he was guilty of fraud.

The mystery man flitted between European capitals, ostensibly devising codes. His first marriage, to a German girl, ended after one year when she was killed in an accident.

By 1936, Eckelmann was back in Japan. He met "Toskie" in Kobe and they were married. They went to Shanghai where they set up an apartment and also took a home on Point Island, adjacent to that of Chiang Kai-shek.

To his name Eckelmann now had added "Commander in the Swedish Navy." After living next door to Chiang, he billed himself as a rear admiral in the Chinese Navy and a brigadier general in the Chinese Army. Nevertheless he was watched by the French on suspicion of trafficking in narcotics and being a German spy.

Eckelmann and "Toskie" came to the United States where he purposed to publish business codes, and told newspapermen about his exploits.

"Recently, I broke a code and foiled a plot to murder Chinese officials," he said. "A girl member of the murder ring disappeared, but her twin sister kept getting messages from the would-be assassins and came to me with them.

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"I instructed her to play the part of her missing sister; she brought the messages to me, I decoded them and sent her back with fake messages in the ring's own code. She played her part bravely and helped me foil the plot."

He also told of receiving a small fortune for devising a code wanted by a Maharajah.

"After making the code, I was handcuffed and threatend with needles," Eckelmann said: "I understood the hint. But every true master of ciphers keeps them in deepest secret."

Ecklemann confided to several New York businessmen that he had been commissioned by Chiang Kai-shek to dispose of a $37,500,000 treasure of jades to raise funds for China's war. He offered to let them in on it if they would finance the early negotiations.

They were impressed $30,000 worth. Eckelmann took the money, but before leaving the country he and "Toskie" were remarried in Elton, Md., because, they said, they had lost their original marriage certificate. "Toskie" sailed for Japan, Eckelmann took the Clipper to Hong Kong where he continued to get money to carry on his negotiations for the jade. It never arrived in America and Eckelmann vanished.

He had not deserted "Toskie," police learned. He grew a mustache and goatee, dyed his hair black, and became Dr. Fred Sanders, possessor of a counterfeit Lithuanian passport and a forged visa. He re-entered Japan and began practicing medicine without a license.

But he erred when he applied to American occupation authorities in Tokyo for permission to open a sanatorium. The application was denied and he was arrested for deportation to Germany. By this time nobody was certain of what country he was a citizen.

Apparently, Gerold Eckelmann did not want to return to Germany. Adventures—real and fancied—had lost their appeal. The last great one ended on the floor of a cell.

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# The Crooked Duchess

A London night club doorman, slumming for amusement in historic Old Bailey Court, got quite a surprise the other day. A smartly gowned woman of distinguished manner had stepped before the bench.

"Blarst me pink!" gasped the doorman. "It can't be. It's the Duchess"

On the record the aristocratic looking defendant was listed as Mrs. M. Morgan Dowling. Yet her very public downfall was an unearned punch in the prestige for British nobility.

It was an undeserved slap because Mrs. Dowling's name actually has never appeared in any compilation of the peerage. But, in a way, the blow evened an old score. For chic, attractive Mrs. Dowling shed great lustre on the titled classes during the months she posed as "Lady McInnes" and was greeted by obsequious headwaiters and doormen as "the Duchess."

The Case of the Crooked Duchess began with that fashion revolution we call the New Look. London's ladies, like America's, at first looked askance at the longer modes; then many scampered to get on the bandwagon.

Mayfair hostesses soon were trying desperately to unload their sound but unstylish older garments. They filled the newspapers with used clothing ads.

"Darling, I've met the most charming woman," a dowager phoned her friend one day. "She answered my ad and offered to take all my old things off my hands in a lump. "Tell me what you want for them and I'll get that, plus a little,' she said, 'for my commission.' Such a lovely person—Mrs. Dowling is the name."

Between such word-of-mouth boosts and her own discreet answers to ads, the diplomatic Mrs. Dowling's new business of removing the old look jumped as if jet-propelled. She rented a Mayfair home. Limousines arrived constantly with furs, dresses, shoes and even jewelry entrusted to her by prominent socialites.

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A sleek Daimler town car (rented) waited at Mrs. Dowling's door. It bore her to luncheons and cocktail and theatre parties. She let word spread that though she did business as a commoner, "Lady McInnes" was her true identity. Her new friends, as well as flunkies, called her "Duchess."

Fortune's bubble grew and glittered for Mrs. Dowling—until one of her best customers looked up and recognized her one night in a box at the theatre.

"Why, that's the agent I sent all my old things to!" the society woman exclaimed to a companion. "And that's my mink coat she's wearing—I'd recognize it a mile off. She's had those things for months without remitting a shilling."

There was a stormy scene next morning and Mrs. Dowling's visitor departed with some cash, the $2,000 mink coat and some odds and ends of unsold clothing.

Word of the incident spread and irate clients descended on Mayfair's pseudo-duchess. A fortunate few got their belongings back. Others called the police. Investigators found that large sums were owed to nearly a score of too-trustful English and American women. Not one of her clients, it was charged, had ever been paid.

Inquiry established also that, despite her sophisticated air, the self-styled socialite had never met the upper crust except in clothing deals. In earlier life she had been a shopgirl.

Three years hence, in 1951, jail doors will swing open again for the demoted "Duchess." By then, perhaps, there'll be no New Look with its embarrassing reminders of longer dresses that shortened her liberty.

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# Cupid On Parole

He was an average-looking young man who wore glasses. One would scarcely have expected him to walk into an office, even in San Quentin Prison, and cause a pretty blonde's mind to wander far from her typing.

Peggy Peterson knew the record of Bill Sansbury, the new chief inmate clerk of the prison's psychiatric office. He was in on a burglary charge at the age of 23.

A few months earlier 21-year-old Peggy had quit a modeling job to become a secretary in the penal institution. It was a strange switch in careers, despite the fact that her father was a prison guard. Was it, perhaps, a response to some inner urge to be a good influence?

The pretty secretary accepted Bill as a fellow worker in the psychiatric office, and soon learned that he was an intelligent young man. As weeks passed she began taking personal problems to him for solution.

"I don't know when or how it happened," Peggy said later, "but we fell in love."

On Bill's part the sentiment may have been nurtured during the hours he spent alone in his cell, when the office was closed. Peggy had gone home then, to a world of her own where he no longer was allowed a place.

During those hours, she could have been dating other boys in the small town just outside San Francisco where she lived. It seems more likely, however, that she was busy pondering the problem of why a boy like Bill would turn to crime. What were his chances of eventually going straight?

Peggy Peterson had formed a conviction on that subject late in August, 1949. That was when Bill became eligible for parole because of good behavior.

Parole wouldn't mean freedom for Bill. They both knew that. Authorities from Baltimore, Md., had sent out a detainer for him on a charge of forging checks in that city in 1947.

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Born in Ohio, Bill had gone to Baltimore when he was 17 and had found a job driving a cab. According to the story he later told Detective Lieut. Millard Horton of Baltimore, he started hanging around cheap nightclubs and after being drafted into the army he married an entertainer.

Bill admitted to the detective that he had been in trouble during the next few years. His wife was killed in an automobile accident. Soon after that he forged checks, in the total amount of $850, in nine Baltimore stores.

Early in 1948 he was arrested for another crime, on the opposite side of the continent. He was convicted of robbing the strong box of a Los Angeles store where he had just been fired from a manager's job.

He was sentenced to two to 15 years in San Quentin, and this was scaled down to four years.

An early parole shortened his stay and forced Peggy Peterson to make a decision which, for her, seemed not to be difficult.

"I'm going to Baltimore, too," she said before the Maryland detective arrived to take Bill back with him. "I'm going to help you."

Bill argued, but Peggy was stubborn. She took all of her savings—about $550, bought a plane ticket and landed in Baltimore.

When Bill was arraigned in Criminal Court before Judge Robert France, Peggy was there. She heard him plead guilty to the forgery charges. She took the witness stand.

The generous-hearted girl offered the court $200—nearly everything that was left of her savings—as partial restitution for Bill.

"Oh, I know he'll go straight," she told the Judge, who had warned her that forgers often repeat their offenses.

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Bill's plea for parole was referred by Judge France to the Criminal Court's probation department, and Bill went back to prison to await a report from psychiatrists and investigators.

Peggy visited him every day for the half-hour allowed. She got a secretarial job, and waited. When reports came in, however, they were discouraging.

The medical advisor labeled Bill " a smooth talker and completely unreliable." He included the prediction that "he is sure to be in future difficulty of a similar nature." The psychologist found " a tendency toward shiftlessness."

Members of the probation department said Bill was "a better than even risk."

After weighing these opinions, Judge France rendered his decision:

"I have concluded, with some hesitation, that the ends of justice will be met if I give you a suspended sentence. You are placed on probation for three years. One of the terms of your probation is that you make restitution in full."

Restitution included, in addition to the $850, about $600 for Bill's extradition from California and the Judge stipulated that none of Peggy's funds were to be used toward repayment.

"You are exceptionally lucky in having by your side and willing to help a young lady who believes in you and in your ability to once again take your place in the society of decent people," Judge France commented.

He warned Bill that violation of probation meant 10 years in Maryland and serving the balance of his term in San Quentin.

The worst blow of all, perhaps, was the ruling that Peggy and Bill could not marry for one year. That was the time allotted the offender to prove that he could be a dependable husband.

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# The Scandal of Our Blundering Coroners

Not long ago in a southern city a young woman was found dead in bed. Apparently she had been in good health, and no physician had been in attendance, so her body was examined by the county coroner—who certified that the collapse had resulted from a "stroke," and released the body for burial. Relatives, however, demanded an examination by a competent pathologist, who quickly established that the "stroke" had been the murderous stroke of a fine, sharp instrument through the heart; the tiny wound had not bled. The victim's husband was arrested. He confessed and was executed.

Many other killers, unfortunately, are luckier. Law-enforcement authorities agree that every year in the United States hundreds of murderers get away unsuspected because a coroner has certified death from "natural" or "unknown" causes.

In 41 of our states coroners are not required to be—and seldom are—physicians; and in 32 states they are not provided with the services of a qualified medical adviser. All too often they are chosen for political reasons. For years bar associations, police organizations and the American Medical Association have campaigned for general adoption of the modern, scientific medical-examiner system of trained medicolegal specialists. But ignorance and inertia have stood in the path of change.

On an eastern golf course, recently, a man lay dead on the 14th green. "A bad fall," said the coroner after a cursory glance. "I'll certify it that way," The state trooper in charge was not satisfied, however. He sent for a pathologist. The expert's opinion was that the golfer had been bludgeoned to death. "With a golf club, perhaps," he suggested. A number-five iron, missing from the victim's bag, was found soon afterward in the hands of a man picked up by troopers on a nearby highway. He was an escaped homicidal maniac.

The county-coroner system has been responsible for many miscarriages of justice. A case in New England

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not long ago demonstrates how valuable an expert can be. Mr. Smith had left his house late one afternoon after a bitter quarrel with his wife. Several hours later she was found unconscious on the kitchen floor with a bruised forehead. She died soon after without regaining consciousness. The coroner performed an autopsy and established the cause of death as intracranial bleeding, caused—according to the report of the coroner's inquest—by a blow from a blunt instrument which had not been found but must have been in Mr. Smith's possession. Smith was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 20 years in a penitentiary.

Several months later Smith's attorney learned that the dead woman had had heart trouble. He obtained an exhumation order. Dr. Alan R. Moritz—professor of legal medicine at Harvard Medical School and pathologist to the Massachusetts State Department of Public Safety—examined the body and confirmed that the woman had suffered from bacterial endocarditis, an inflammation of the heart's lining. It was true that she had died of intracranial bleeding. But, going further than the coroner, Dr. Moritz dissected the brain and exposed a clump of bacterial growth which had floated loose from the diseased heart into the blood stream and had lodged in a cerebral artery. In time it had worn the artery wall so thin that it had ruptured under the increased blood pressure induced by the woman's temper tantrum. The "blunt instrument," Dr. Moritz pointed out, was the curved corner of the metal kitchen table top which the woman's forehead had struck when she dropped, unconscious, to the floor. Her husband was released.

In this case as in many others the coroner, although a physician, was at fault. The examination of a corpse when crime is suspected is a highly intricate specialty. It should be performed by a specialist.

More than 30 years ago the people of New York City, shocked by incompetence and brazen corruption in the coroner's office, succeeded in abolishing it. The late Dr. Charles Norris—an incorruptible and uncompromising pathologist of Bellevue Hospital—was made the city's first medical examiner. Not only did the rate of convictions rise sharply at once, but also the number of homicides discovered.

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Recently a young woman was found dead in a hotel room. There were no obvious marks of violence on the body. There was, however, an open box of pills on the night table. In answer to a police call, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Milton Helpern arrived.

"Murder," the doctor said. "She's been smothered to death," He pointed to a pillow with a broad lipstick smudge on it. The dead girl's eyes told him the story; far out from the pupils the glossy white of each eyeball was ringed with a circlet of tiny, dark-red asterisks—the hemorrhages which almost always indicate that method of killing. The pills had been harmless stomach sedatives.

Within a few hours an autopsy and laboratory tests had established suffocation as the cause of death. The police learned that the girl had checked into the hotel with a man who had registered them as Mr. and Mrs. Jones. The morning after the couple's arrival the man had told the room clerk that his wife was not to be disturbed, had gone out and not come back. The homicide men traced the pills to a neighborhood drugstore and from there to the dead girl's doctor, who knew her family. The family named the man who had been particularly interested in her; his description matched that of Mr. Jones given by hotel employes and he was arrested. Faced with the evidence uncovered by the medical examiner, he confessed to the murder.

The well-organized medical examiner's office has a way of solving more complicated cases. Not long ago a sharp-eyed New York patrolman, crossing a vacant lot in Harlem, saw the charred remains of a body in the ashes of a bonfire, together with some scorched shreds of burlap. The police assumed that the body was that of some derelict who had fallen into the fire in a drunken stupor and perished. Chief Medical Examiner Thomas A. Gonzales came to an entirely different conclusion, however.

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Tests for carbon monoxide in the man's blood were negative; he had been dead before he reached the fire. Scratch marks on the bones indicated that a knife or saw had been used in an attempt to dismember the body. It probably had been carried in the burlap sacking. The few strands of hair were identified as those of a Negro. Dr. Gonzales then patiently pieced together some fragments of bone from behind the right ear. These fragments revealed a depressed skull fracture—the typical "blunt instrument" head injury.

A tooth which the policeman had found showed that the murdered man had had prominent buckteeth. X-ray examination established his age at about 25 years, measurement of his bones put his height at about five feet ten. The description furnished by Dr. Gonzales was sent to every police station in the city.

Two weeks later a woman appealed to the Harlem precinct police to help locate her missing brother.. His description matched the dead man's. The detectives went to work. Tracing the missing brother's movements through Harlem on the night he had disappeared, police learned that he had last been seen quarreling with a certain street-corner speaker. The two had walked away together, arguing violently.

Detectives descended on the speaker's apartment—and found what they were looking for, a weighted lead pipe and a crosscut saw. Although the suspect had scoured these clean, police "trace experts" discovered a dried smear of blood under his carpet which matched the blood grouping of the dead man. Confronted with this evidence, the murderer confessed.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, where a medical-examiner system has been in operation since 1877, has proved that it is far superior to the coroner system in rural communities as well as in metropolitan centers. In one case an old man was found lying on the smooth concrete edge of a dam outside a country town. A broken handrail sagging directly overhead showed where he had fallen from a flimsy catwalk across the steep, wooded ravine. In most states this would have been "death by misadventure." Not in Massachusetts.

The state medical examiner found the man had died of a fractured skull, but it had been fractured **twice!**

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Obviously he had been struck over the head before he had fallen.

Police began combing the woods near the scene of the crime. They found a patch of trampled grass, blood-spattered foliage nearby and a broken bloody bottle covered with fingerprints which did not match the dead man's. A trooper learned that the old man had been at a local tavern the night before and had been flashing quite a bit of money. Finally he had left—intoxicated—with a stranger.

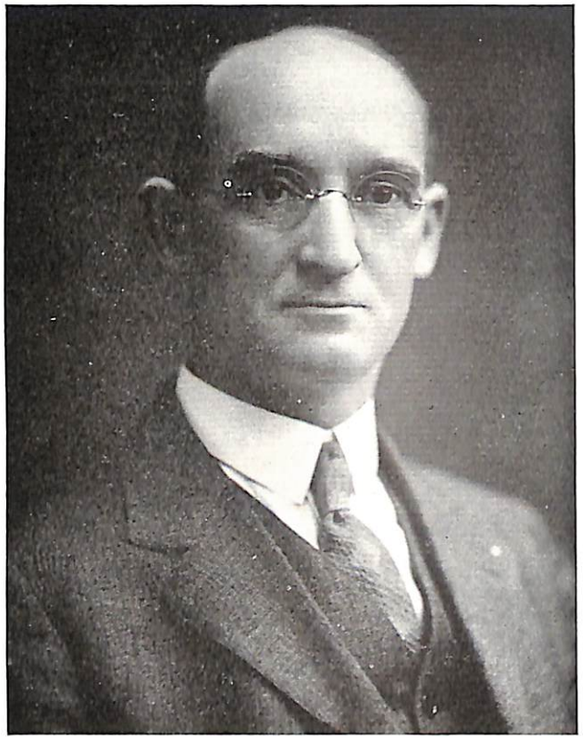
An immediate state-wide alarm snared the stranger. He had a blood-smeared roll of bills in his pocket, and his fingerprints matched those on the bottle. He confessed that he had broken the old man's head in a fight for the money and had carried his victim to the catwalk where he had dropped him.

Medical examiners' findings indicate that between ten and twenty percent of all murders are unwitnessed and with bodies showing no external wounds. With approximately 8000 murders officially recorded in the United States last year, that would put at over 1000 the number of killers who get away unsuspected. Add to this the large number of suspected murderers brought to trial but freed because of incomplete evidence. An FBI survey of 181 cities in 1947 showed that only a few more than half of all defendants in murder cases were convicted. Over the same period, Manhattan with its medical-examiner system convicted 83 percent of its murder suspects.

Only five states—Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, Maine and Rhode Island—the counties of Nassau in New York and Essex in New Jersey, and the city of New York have full medical-examiner systems. More than a dozen states are now studying Virginia's model medical-examiner law which, patterned on New York City's, was passed three years ago. Iowa has a similar bill ready for adoption next session. More and more communities are beginning to realize that science must be allied with law to make them safe.

"Let them show me one case we overlooked," growled the politically elected coroner of a large city. To this Dr. Gonzales of New York says tartly: "Undiscovered murders are buried forever."

Coroners obviously bury their mistakes.



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# Artistic Crook

A slim dark-haired young man was standing before the judge's bench in Old Bailey in London one day not long ago, when the door burst open and a luxuriously-dressed woman hurried into the courtroom.

"Your Honor, there must be some mistake," she cried with agitation. "He's no crook."

The judge leaned over to peer at her through his glasses. "What makes you think it's a mistake, Madam?" he asked.

"Why, Frank Skinner—"she gestured toward the young man, "—he's a well-known artist. He and his wife have dined in my home many times."

"Aren't you Lady Clemens?" asked the judge.

"Yes, I am."

"And wasn't your flat in Kensington robbed a few months ago?"

"Yes—yes, it was," she said, puzzled. Uneasily the young man shifted from one foot to the other.

The judge nodded. "Some of your property probably will be among the stolen goods we found in Skinner's house."

Her face was unbelieving. "But—" she gasped, "everybody knows Frank. He goes everywhere—"

"That's just it," said the judge, frowning at the silent young man. "That's the reason he was able to break into the homes of wealthy people with such ease—he had had a good chance to look them over."

A brilliant artist whose portraits in oils were much in demand—and for which he was paid anywhere from $200 to $500—the dapper 25-year-old Frank William

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Skinner was accepted freely by both the art colony of Chelsea and by the fashionable "smart set" of London. Before he was 20, according to his wife, he was recognized as an excellent artist with a promising future—but even the remarkable success he soon achieved was not enough. "He always wanted more," she said. "He liked good cars and good living too well."

During the day Skinner was a sincere and hard-working artist. In the evening, he mingled with society, always gay and amusing and an asset to any dinner party. But, some evening, when his gracious host was out—he robbed one flat whose owner had only stepped out for 10 minutes to walk the dog—Skinner would go back and make off with the valuables he had previously spotted.

It was his liking for cars that finally tripped him. He stole a $4,500 car from Dolphin Square last November. It entranced him so much that he could not give it up.

He had it repainted and changed the license plates, but a few weeks ago a policeman stopped him for speeding, and was not satisfied with his credentials. Later the car was identified as the one that had been stolen—and when police visited his house in Blackheath, they found loot taken from scores of fashionable London homes.

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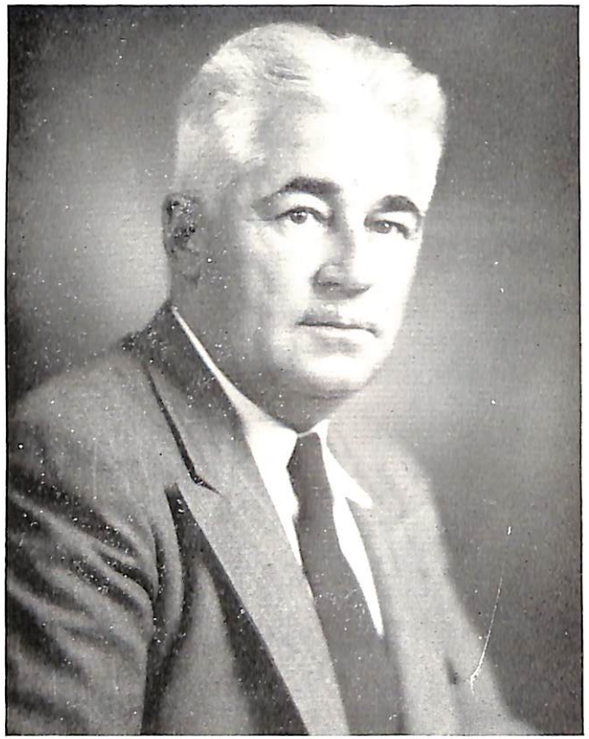

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